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Cloaks marked down to one-half the usual price to clear them out before Christmas.

**Handkerchiefs!**  
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Our large special stock of Christmas Handkerchiefs is now open. An early selection gives you the choicest patterns.

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**Wringers**  
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to 18 Summer street to be repaired.

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## BY TELEGRAPH.

### HIS PLURALITY 4,000.

**Quincy Re-elected Mayor of Boston. He Had a Majority Over All Candidates.**

Boston, Dec. 22.—Complete and revised returns from the 19 voting precincts of this city show that Mayor Josiah Quincy, the Democratic candidate, was re-elected yesterday by a plurality of 4,079 votes over Mr. Curtis. Mr. Quincy received 40,070 votes; Edwin U. Curtis, Republican candidate, 35,991; Thomas Riley, nominee of Bryan Democrats, 2,921; and David Goldstein, who headed the Socialist Labor ticket, 827.

These figures give Mr. Quincy a clear majority over all of 331 votes. His plurality two years ago was 4,496. The total vote this year was nearly 8000 greater than in 1895.

Boston, Dec. 22.—Josiah Quincy was re-elected mayor of Boston yesterday by a plurality of 3987 over ex-Mayor Edwin U. Curtis, the Republican candidate, and a majority of 289 over all his opponents.

Some curious phases are presented by the returns from the Republican wards, particularly ward 11. There Mr. Curtis fell 88 votes behind Governor Wolcott's total cast in that ward, while Josiah Quincy gained 889 over Williams. Arranging the vote of two years ago on the ward lines corresponding to the present boundaries of the ward, it was found that Mr. Curtis had lost 600 votes. The vote in ward 20 and in some precincts in other Dorchester wards was decidedly discouraging to the Republican leaders, and when the Democratic precincts held up the Quincy vote by a substantial ratio defeat was early recognized.



MAYOR QUINCY OF BOSTON.

Notwithstanding the strong effort which was made by the Republicans to get out a heavy vote in the suburban and back bay wards, which usually poll heavy Republican majorities, Mayor Quincy made great gains over the vote for Williams at the state election, while in some cases there was a decided falling off in the vote of the opposition. On the other hand, the usually strong Democratic wards, where the registration for this election has been very heavy, did not show special gains for the Democratic candidate, and in some cases there was a decrease.

The surprise of the election was undoubtedly the small vote for Riley. Even in the wards where he made his greatest effort and where he was backed by young politicians who claimed to have a strong backing, only a few were found in his support at the polls, while in his own precinct he received but two votes.

With such a spirited campaign and with such interest in the outcome of the contest, together with the greatest registration in the history of the city, it was generally supposed that a remarkably heavy vote would be cast. It was therefore particularly disappointing to the Republicans to find that the total vote was but little over that of two years ago when the registration was \$1,433 to 102,480 at the present election. At the last contest between Quincy and Curtis, 84 percent of the registration voted; less than 75 percent was polled yesterday.

## TWO DICKS IN THE RING

Fiasco Between Burge and O'Brien in Birmingham, Eng.

Former Awarded the Decision on a Slight Foul.

Has Struck as He Slipped During the Fourth Round of the Contest.

London, Dec. 22.—The match arranged between Dick Burge and Dick O'Brien for a purse of £550 in addition to £3000 taken came off last evening at the room of the Olympic club, Birmingham. Burge scaled at 146 pounds and O'Brien at 160. During the afternoon there were disquieting rumors as to O'Brien's condition, and long odds were laid on Burge. When the men entered the ring it was seen that O'Brien was very fat, while Burge was remarkably fit.

At the end of the first round O'Brien was blowing hard, and he did not improve matters in the second. During the fourth round, when Burge slipped in O'Brien's corner, the latter struck him lightly. A foul was claimed and allowed, thus ending a poor contest.

O'Brien's backer withdrew £500 he had staked on him because the boxer had not properly trained. Burge consented to proceed with the match for the purse only.



EDWIN UPTON CURTIS.

Ex-Mayor Curtis took his defeat good naturedly and said: "The real question was a verdict upon Mayor Quincy's administration, which the Republicans challenged, and upon his loyalty to his party, which Mr. Riley's friends challenged. The latter's vote showed that the Democratic mass can be trusted to support their organization, and the vote in the back bay and in a section of Dorchester showed that those conservative wards are satisfied with the present administration of the city's affairs. The result shows that after a Republican presidential election, and with any degree of unanimity in the Democratic ranks, a Republican has little chance to be elected mayor of Boston."

Joseph Macabe, chairman of the Republican city committee, declined to express any further opinion at present than to say: "We made a good fight and were defeated." Mr. Macabe declared that he would petition for a recount on the basis of the very small plurality in so large a vote.

Thomas Riley said: "I am a Democrat and bow to the will of the majority. It is the supreme law of the Democratic party. When the people decide all should obey. The thing which charms me most is the defeat of the Republican party. This I advised at every meeting. My contest was fair and manly. It was for the people and will benefit them. The seed has fallen on fertile soil, and the harvest will be abundant. Future nominations will be Democratic. Surely I have nothing to regret."

Josiah Quincy said: "I am naturally gratified at the renewed expression of their confidence and support given to me by the voters of Boston, after they have tried me for two years in the office of mayor. It will be my endeavor as a public official to continue to merit their approval and that of the substantial number of Republicans who gave me their votes while not openly announcing their intention to do so. The result, in spite of the fact that the campaign was fought upon local issues, is full of encouragement to those who believe in party union and success rather than in division and failure."

The revised unofficial vote for mayor with one precinct missing is: Curtis (Rep.), 35,991; Goldstein (Soc.), 827; Quincy (Dem.), 39,767; Riley (Bryan Dem.), 2,921.

The board of aldermen will be composed of six Republicans and six Democrats, a gain of one Democrat. Those elected are: Berwin (Rep.), Charles (Dem.), Cleary (Dem.), Codman (Rep.), Conry (Dem.), Dixon (Rep.), Dyrer (Rep.), Paige (Rep.), Preshe (Rep.), Norton (Dem.), F. O'Toole (Dem.), Lott (Rep.).

The returns from five wards on common councilmen are still incomplete, but the indications are that the council will be composed of 45 Democrats and 30 Republicans, a gain of three Democrats.

John P. Thorpe (Dem.) is elected street commissioner over Benjamin M. Cram (Rep.), by about 11,000 majority.

Sporting Life says the match ought to have been declared off; and The Sportsman describes the affair as a pantomime.

**Judge Issues an Injunction.**  
Chicago, Dec. 22.—On account of the action of Judge Brennan in issuing an injunction against the use of the lake front armory, the Tracey-Walcott fight has been postponed by its managers. Efforts will be made at once to secure another hall in which to hold the contest, and it is believed that satisfactory arrangements of some kind will be concluded by today, and the fight will take place Thursday or Friday night.

The order was the result of a contest that has been in progress for years between the city and Montgomery Ward, a merchant whose place of business is opposite the hall in which it was proposed to have the fight. Some time ago Ward obtained from the state supreme court an order requiring the city to tear down the building, which has been the scene of innumerable fights. The city promised to obey, but has failed to keep its promise, and when Ward found that it was about to issue a license for a fight in the old hall he applied to the court to stop it. There will now be some difficulty in securing a hall for the fight, as a number of those which would ordinarily be available have been rented for the winter and cannot be secured.

**Masked Robber Denied.**  
Redding, Cal., Dec. 22.—Two masked men entered the Southern Pacific company's station at Keswick last night, covering with pistols two men sitting there. Agent Schuckman entered and, after an exchange of shots with him, the robbers retreated. One was afterwards found in a dying condition and died soon afterward. The other escaped. The robbers secured nothing.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

### WAR CLOUDS LOWER.

**The European Situation Grows More and More Serious on Account of China.**

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—There is no doubt that Europe is today dangerously near to warlike complications on account of the Chinese situation. The feeling at Berlin, St. Petersburg, London and Peking is a feverish one. The great powers of Europe are reaching out for possession of China and have come into conflict in their greed.

In a strongly anti-British article today, the Russian official paper, the St. Petersburg Novosti, says: "In consequence of the pretension of England to compensate herself to Russian occupation of Port Arthur by the acquisition of Port Hamilton or Lazareff, and in view of the possibility of the disturbing action of Japan, Europe stands on the brink of grave diplomatic complications. It is therefore well to recall that the reinforcement of the German squadron in the Pacific permits Russia, France and Germany to effectively prevent a disturbance of the balance of power."

Word from Peking today says that the Chinese government has granted Russia permission to winter a squadron at Port Arthur. Great Britain demands a quid pro quo, if concessions have been made to other powers. It has been suggested that the Japanese and British occupy Wei-Hai-Wei jointly.

The situation at Kiao Chou bay is unchanged. Germany remains unyielding and the Chinese counsels are divided as to whether it should be peace or war with Germany. China regards Russia as her only friend, and is asking her advice alone. British influence has suffered greatly through the failure of loan negotiations. China is now negotiating a loan with Russia. The latter demands the dismissal of the British railroad engineers in North China and it is probable they will be granted. The German drill instructors will be dismissed at the expiration of their contracts and be replaced by Russians.

## REDUCTION TO STAND.

Fall River Manufacturers Refuse to Make Concessions.

Say That Conditions Make Action Imperative.

Invite Co-operation of Operatives in Overcoming Disadvantages.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 22.—A meeting of the manufacturers' committee was held yesterday afternoon, and the answer to the operatives' propositions was framed. It recites the conditions affecting the industry in Fall River and the reasons for the proposed reduction of wages, closing with the statement that the situation is such that the manufacturers must adhere to their decision, and that it is absolutely necessary to reduce wages. In giving their reasons for this decision, the manufacturers deal at length with the matter of southern competition and urge concerted action to bring about legislation more friendly to the industries of Massachusetts, so that capital may be induced to stay here rather than go outside.

On the question of curtailment the committee says: "Mr. Thomas O'Donnell, secretary of conference committee: Dear Sir—The committee representing the manufacturers of Fall River have carefully considered the three propositions which were submitted to them at yesterday's conference and which were so ably discussed and endorsed by the representatives of the various labor organizations there assembled. This committee, after due deliberation and after carefully considering the matter under controversy in all its bearings, and ever having in view the best interests of the manufacturing industry of Fall River, both as regards the employer and the employee, have arrived at the following conclusion and beg leave to submit their reply:

As you well know, the cotton mills in Fall River find confronting them a condition of things which, to say the least, is startling, and which may well cause those interested in their welfare to pause and consider calmly and dispassionately the causes which have brought this condition about as well as the remedy for it, if it may be possible to find a remedy. The condition of the cotton cloth trade is such that the mills in Fall River find it impossible to dispose of their output at such prices as will admit of any return whatever on the capital invested. The competition which Fall River mills have to meet has been brought about in part by the philanthropy which the good people of Massachusetts have ever shown towards those of her citizens who have appeared to need her sympathies. The hours of labor in Massachusetts have been shortened more than in neighboring states and more than her manufacturers can stand. While such laws have partly relieved the burdens of the operatives of the factories, they have really worked to their financial disadvantage, because such laws have induced undue competition outside of Massachusetts, where hours of labor are longer and wages are higher. The result is that the most improved machinery and a very low cost of labor. The cost of the New England states have much longer hours and comparatively no supervision and no penalties for the infringement of the laws. Massachusetts, on the other hand, is handicapped by the shortest labor hours and extremely restricted legislation compared with other and competing states. Mills must run and earn dividends for stockholders, or there is no inducement for capital to invest in Massachusetts or Fall River. Fall River mills are as well equipped with modern appliances and machinery as their competitors and, with the same advantages in hours of labor and pay, would be able to compete with any section of the country.

It must be evident to you, as it is to this committee, that there is no money for stockholders nor for employees either when the mills are idle or running short time; and that it is useless for all the Fall River mills to do all the curtailing of production. When we stop our mills, everyone else runs full time, and it is

curtailment of production here brings about better prices it is only temporary and simply offers an inducement for capital to build more mills, not in Fall River, but outside of Massachusetts. We work against ourselves every time we stop our mills without the co-operation of the rest of the operatives of the country; and in our opinion our competitors would be willing to join with us in curtailing production only when Fall River is able to manufacture cotton cloth at as low a cost as is possible elsewhere.

The facts are that Massachusetts mills work 53 hours per week; the others average 60 hours for labor. The southern mills run from 66 to 73 hours weekly, and in some cases run day and night. The cost of labor in the southern mills is very much lower than in New England, and they claim advantages in water power, taxes, cheap transportation and cheap cotton, as well as in longer hours of labor. Their mills are as good but no better than ours, and the fact stares us in the face that they can undersell us in the markets on account of the lower cost of production.

But reducing labor is not all. Some concerted action should be taken so that legislation in this state can be made friendly to its industries so that capital may be induced to stay here rather than go outside. The employee and employer ought to work together and not clash through misunderstandings and jealousies. Their interests are identical. They each want a living out of this business, and whatever works to the disadvantage of one hurts the interests of the other. When it is considered that the mills in Fall River and Massachusetts run less hours than in other states, and that it is necessary for us to meet close competition in trade under such adverse conditions, it seems to this committee that nothing is to be gained by putting off for two months more the date at which a reduction of wages should go into effect, and inasmuch as the mills of Fall River have run during the past year or more under conditions so very discouraging and unremunerative, during which time we have tried the experiment of curtailment extensively, the committee of the manufacturers feel that the situation is such that they must adhere to their decision, and that it is absolutely necessary to reduce wages in Fall River mills 11 to 19 percent, said reduction to go into effect on the third day of January, 1898, as voted by the manufacturers at a meeting held on the eighth day of December, 1897.

At the conclusion of the meeting the answer was forwarded by messenger to Secretary O'Donnell of the Spinners' association, who is the secretary of the operatives' committee. The various secretaries were seen after the reading of the answer, and their talk indicates opposition. Secretary O'Donnell said that the result was a great disappointment, but he did not care to talk until after the meeting of the conference Thursday. He said that if the committee should listen to the operatives, a strike would be put in force tomorrow instead of waiting until Jan. 3.

Secretary Whitehead of the weavers said that there was nothing left but action, and they would act. He felt that the delegates made a good case Monday, but the manufacturers did not seem to have taken them seriously. They expected a postponement, but now it remained with the operatives as a whole to decide upon the action to be taken. The sentiment among the weavers is to oppose a cut-down.

Secretary Tansy of the carders was of the opinion that the sentiment at the meeting of the conference committee would be against the reduction and for resistance. He felt that the arguments of the delegates in favor of the propositions were reasonable from every point of view.

Secretary McCarthy of the loom-fixers said that the decision was contrary to what he expected. The sentiment in his union is decidedly in favor of a strike, and no power on earth can stop them. They want before the manufacturers as honest men with honest intentions, but the manufacturers seem to have taken it as a bluff. He does not think that the manufacturers are honest, and he does not feel like trying to prevent a strike.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

Warmer.  
Unsettled, probably light snow Thursday morning followed by clearing, warmer Thursday morning.

## To Give Gracefully Select Thoughtfully!

Now is the Christmas shopper's time—the time when you are happy in gift-giving.

As the holidays draw near you grow anxious, and its difficult to find the most appropriate things.

If it's for the men and boys you seek just call at Cutting Corner and you will find that we have done much to make it easy buying for the men folks.

## What is Better Than Clothing.

For never before in the history of Christmas selling have we had such an assortment of clothing.

All of the best Cutting-made stamp and most reliable in make, fit and finish, and the prices never lower in our experience. Men's Suits \$5 to \$25, best values \$10 to \$15. Men's Overcoats \$4 to \$25, best values \$10 to \$15. Men's Ulsters \$5 to \$15, best values \$8.50 to \$10. Boys' Suits \$2 to \$5, best values \$2.50 to \$3.50. Boys' Overcoats \$2.50 to \$10, best values \$3.50 to \$5. Boys' Reefers \$2 to \$6, best values \$3.50 to \$5.

## Suggestions In Furnishings.

Often times as much pleasure is had in giving some small article as the most costly. A few of the sure to please articles to be found at Cutting Corner can be seen in our State and Main streets windows, and here's a list.

Handsome Neckwear, all shapes, 25c to \$1.25. Silk and Cashmere Mufflers 25c to \$2. Silk Armbands 10c to 50c. Silk Suspenders 50c to \$2. Ladies' and Gents' Pocketbooks 20c to 50c. Gents' Leather Sets \$1.25 to \$5. Lined Kid Gloves and Mittens 50c to \$2. Plain White and Fancy Linen and Linen Handkerchiefs 5c to 50c. With initials 10c, 15c and 25c. Hemstitched Japan Silk Handkerchiefs, white, black and fancy, 25c to \$1. With initials 50c to \$5c.

## Boys' Department

Suggestions are valuable to every parent, and the warm clothing, Underwear, Stockings, Sweaters, &c., are sure to be acceptable:

Winter Caps 25c to \$1. New Sweaters 50c to \$2.50. Handkerchiefs in linen and lawn 5c to 15c, with initials 10c. New Suspenders 10c to 25c. New Windsor Ties 25c. Leather and Corduroy Leggings \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50. Night Shirts in outing flannel 50c to 75c. Our place of business is transformed into a place of public pleasure for the Holiday Shopper. Buy today.

**C. H. CUTTING & CO.,**  
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## What Shall the Present Be?

Of whom are you thinking? Father, mother, sister or brother? There's not a one of them but would be more than tickled with a pair of fine SLIPPERS from our stock. Genuine Alligator \$2, Bottle-Green Dongola, lined with white kid, \$1.50. Big line of other grades 50c. to \$1.25.

**J. T. MULCARE,**  
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## Anniversary Souvenirs of the Normal School

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**WOODROW'S TEA STORE**

We will give away from now until Christmas a beautiful Tumbler Souvenir of the Normal School to our customers free of charge.

Come and bring your friends and secure one of these beautiful gifts free.

**No Christmas table is complete without a cup of our Tea and Coffee.**

A book by Palmer Cox, Brownie Series, given free to the little ones. Bring them along.

**Woodrow's Tea Store,**  
81 Center St. North Adams.



# AT WILLIAMSTOWN.

To Build a New Depot—Starting an Ice Farm—Hose Company to Hold its Annual Ball—Avoided a Smashup.

## To Build a New Depot.

The Fitchburg railroad sent to this town Monday night from the east a car fitted up for use as a ticket office. The car is kept for use at any point where needed and comes in very handy here just now. It stands on the sidetrack just east of the burned depot and will have to answer the purpose of a station until a new one can be built. Master Car Builder Murden and Traveling Auditor H. J. Harrod arrived on the 1.31 train from the east Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Murden said the work of remodeling the old depot was to have been begun Monday. He also stated that work on a new building will begin as soon as plans can be prepared, and that the new station will probably be of stone. The convenience of the public will be carefully consulted, even to the site of the building, which the company is ready to change if anything can be gained thereby; but it is probable that the old site will be found the best, all things considered.

## Hose Company's Annual Ball.

At a regular meeting Monday evening the Hose company decided to hold its annual ball in the opera house on the evening of January 21. Surdan's orchestra (seven pieces) of Housack Falls, N. Y., will be engaged and will give a concert before the dancing begins. In the orchestra is a 13-years-old girl who is said to be a wonderful cornet player for one of her years. Supper will be served in the home room, which is in the basement of the opera house. The price of tickets, including supper will be \$1. C. A. Brown, James A. Cheever, William Eldridge and Patrick Hastings are the committee of arrangements. There will be an earnest effort to make the ball a popular social event and the firemen feel that their services to the community entitle them to a generous patronage, which without doubt they will receive.

## Avoided a Smashup.

Harry Fitzgerald and Edgar Noel, who were out with Crosier's meat cart Tuesday, had to hustle in a lively manner to avoid what might have been a serious smashup. They were driving from the Riverside road up a sharp incline to the Varley house when the horse strap broke and let the harness slip back from the collar. The horse could not hold the well loaded wagon with the harness in such condition and the wagon began to run back down the hill. A wagon running backward seldom takes a straight course, and this one did not. It cramped this way and that and was in imminent danger of turning over and throwing the horse. The young men jumped out and Fitzgerald took the horse by the head while Noel grabbed a rear wheel, and the rig was brought to standstill before any damage was done.

## Starting an Ice Farm.

"It is an ill wind that blows no one good," and Mrs. John McClan of the White Oaks is getting in position to profit by the ruling of the North Adams board of health regarding the ice supply of that city. She has built an ice pond covering about half an acre. It is fed by the water of two springs which are free from contamination of any sort and the ice will be perfectly pure. That there will be a ready sale for the product there is little doubt, one North Adams man having already been to see Mrs. McClan with reference to this winter's crop. If the enterprise proves profitable Mrs. McClan will probably build two more ponds next season, there being good places for them on her premises.

## A Wholesome Lesson.

A fine of \$75 which Judge Tenney imposed on Arthur Beverly Tuesday for hen stealing ought to have a wholesome effect on all persons inclined to roost robbier. It is true, as the judge remarked at the trial, that "when a man goes out to his barn to get a hen for his Christmas dinner he wants to find the hen there," and the chances are that Mr. Beverly's experience will make it easier to do so hereafter.

Mrs. Keyes Danforth went to New York Tuesday to spend some time. Gale Hose company has had a pole made for the hook and ladder truck, and hereafter two horses will be used instead of one. One horse is not enough to move the truck at the required speed over rough or hilly roads.

Samuel Fitzgerald, who has been laid up for some time with the mumps, has recovered and is again on duty in Neyland & Quinn's store. Sheriff Eldridge is also out again after having been housed some time by the same complaint.

Will Quinn is assisting in Neyland & Quinn's store during the college vacation. In stocking up for the Christmas trade Neyland & Quinn did not forget to put in a supply of holly.

Clayton Foster is draining some wet land on his farm on the west road, owned for many years by his uncle, the late John A. Foster.

Most of the students left town Tuesday for their homes to spend the holiday vacation. A large number went west on the afternoon express. Considerable inconvenience was the result of the fire of the day before and many of the students had to pay cash fares to Troy and buy their tickets in that city.

Arthur Mole has been engaged to assist in A. S. Hall's store this winter while Mr. Hall is attending the legislature.

Rev. and Mrs. Hatch of Bangor, Me., are visiting in town. Mrs. Hatch was formerly Miss Cora Johnson of this town. The trimming of St. John's church for Christmas was begun Tuesday evening and will probably take two or three evenings.

The Blackinton circle of the King's Daughters of St. John's church held a sale and entertainment Monday evening which was attended by a good number from this village, all of whom had a pleasant time. The occasion was for the purpose of raising funds to be used in the charitable work of the organization.

A preparatory service will be held at St. John's church Friday evening, and on Christmas morning there will be a holy communion.

The local interest in the North Adams campaign was kept up till the voting was done and the result announced.

Miss Mary E. Evans is spending the holidays in Springfield.

The operetta, "Santa Claus' Surprise Party," will be given in the Williamstown opera house Christmas evening by a large chorus under the direction of J. W. Lawrence. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

We have just received a new supply of extra fine quality of hay. Call, write or telephone T. W. Richmond's coal and wood office.

A Tour for the Christmas Holidays. Personally conducted nine-day tour, visiting Washington, D. C., Mount Vernon, Philadelphia and New York, will leave Boston, Tuesday, Dec. 28th. Five days are spent at the National Capital at the best hotels, and \$27 covers every expense. Other tours in January, February, March, April and May. For itinerary, call on or address A. J. Simmons, N. A., 711 Washington street, Boston.

## Von Moltke.

Von Moltke was originally an officer in the Danish army. At the age of 9 years he was entered as a royal cadet—i. e., he was to be educated at the expense of the king, Frederick VI, in the Copenhagen Military academy—and, having taken his examinations, he wore the Danish uniform until he, as a sub-lieutenant at the age of 27, petitioned the king for three years' leave to proceed to the continent to study the military art, as he says in his petition, "to be able on his return to employ his acquirements for the good of his country." This petition was granted, but the count also asked to be allowed to retain his pay, and as the king refused this he took his discharge and entered the Prussian army, a recruit whom that organization has every reason to hold in enduring memory.

# P. J. BOLAND'S.

## What Shall I Give Him?

Save you. Once inside our store, you needn't ask the question twice. Shut your eyes and pick at random. You'll get something he will appreciate.

Umbrellas, close rollers, with natural wood handles.

Canes in great variety, plain and silver mounted.

Smoking Jackets in a variety of materials and colors.

Bath Robes, Turkish and Lambswool.

Dress Suit Cases, Alligator, Russet and Cream colors.

Silk Handkerchiefs of Japanese or Pongee.

Linen Handkerchiefs of the finest Irish linen.

Neck scarfs, flowing ends, four-in-hands, tecks and puffs.

Suspenders, web and silk.

Gloves for walking or driving.

Full Dress Shields, silk and quilted satin.

Cuff Buttons, gold, silver and enamelled.

Scarf Pins, many novel designs.

Besides collars and cuffs, shirts, night robes, pajamas and everything pertaining to gentlemen's wear. And coming from here, they are sure to be highest grade and correct in style.

## INSURANCE of All Kinds.....

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Buy your Christmas Gifts of Jewelry and Bric-a-Brac where you can get a **Cash Reduction.**

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We are offering the largest and most complete assortment of children's picture books ever shown in North Adams. Prices from 5c to 50c each.

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Printing Presses, Tops, Drums, Hook and ladder, Fire engines, Horse wagons, Drums, Games, And hundreds of other playthings to make the children happy.

## Handkerchiefs.

See our window display of handkerchiefs, and do not fail to see the immense display of handkerchiefs at our handkerchief counter.

We have made big preparations for the greatest handkerchief business that we have ever had.

We offer 3,000 dozen of handkerchiefs from which you may make your selections.

200 dozen ladies' hemstitched and printed handkerchiefs, special value, 5c to \$3.

## At 5c each,

### Ladies'

hemstitched handkerchiefs, 5, 10, 12 1-2, 15, 20 and 25c.

Ladies' embroidered handkerchiefs, the most we have ever shown at special prices for the holiday trade, 5c to \$3.

Embroidered handkerchiefs, trimmed with lace footings, special values, 37 1-2c to \$1.75.

Lace trimmed handkerchiefs, 10c to \$1.50. Immense assortment.

Real Duchess and Point Lace handkerchiefs, \$1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.

2.50, 3, 3.50, 3.75, 4, 4.50, 5, 6.50 and 7.50.

Ladies' initial handkerchiefs, 12 1-2 to 25c each.

100 dozen ladies' pure linen, hand-drawn handkerchiefs, at 12 1-2 each.

Men's hemstitched handkerchiefs, 5, 10, 12 1-2, 15, 17, 19, 20, 25, 37 1-2 and 50c.

Men's initial handkerchiefs, 12 1-2, 15, 25 and 50c.

## Kid Gloves.

What is a more acceptable gift than a pair of kid gloves?

## Christmas ...Presents

From our immense stock of goods you may select some suitable Christmas Gifts.

We have just received about \$2000 worth of kid gloves of our Christmas trade. We are showing the latest novelties in all colors and styles.

Some extra good values at \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75 and 2.00.

Kid gloves, silk lined, regular price \$2.50, we offer them \$2.00 a pair.

## Men's Furnishings.

25 dozen men's neckties, four-in-hands, tecks, string and bow ties, choice 25c each.

A choice assortment of tecks, pulis and four-in-hands, bought especially for our Christmas trade, 50c.

## Ladies White Aprons.

Aprons at 19c.  
" 25c.  
" 39c.  
" 50c.  
" 75c.  
" \$1.00.  
" 1.25.  
" 1.50.

We have purchased an unusually large and attractive stock of fancy china dishes, vases, cups and saucers and fancy glass vases, which we shall offer at reasonable prices.

## Christmas Linens.

10 dozen fine satin damask towels, fine drawn work, extra heavy knotted fringe, special holiday offering at 75c each.

25 dozen fine damask towels, drawn work and heavy knotted fringe, great value at 50c each.

Fine satin damask towels 75c each.  
" " 89c. "  
" " 1.00 "  
" " 1.25 "  
" " 1.50 "

## Sheets and Pillow Cases

8-4 Samuel Cully & Co. leader sheets, 45c.

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42x36 in. Samuel Cully & Co. leader pillow cases, 11 1-2c.

45x38 1-2 in. Samuel Cully & Co. leader pillow cases, 12 1-2c.

Our special hem-stitched pillow cases, size 42x36 at 12 1-2c, size 45x38 1-2 at 15c.

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Lowest prices.

## Shopping Bags.

We are offering some good values in Boston bags at lowest prices, \$1.00 to 3.75.

## Night Gowns.

10 dozen ladies' night gowns, handsomely trimmed with fine embroideries and insertion, three different styles, regular price is \$1.25, holiday price only

## \$1.00.

15 dozen ladies' night gowns, fine muslin, V neck of insertion, wide ruffle of fine embroidery over shoulders, a very dainty gown, price only

## \$1.25.

20 dozen ladies' empire night gowns trimmed with handsome embroideries and insertion, regular price \$1.75, holiday price only

## \$1.50.

Ladies' Dressing Jackets  
100 ladies' eider-down dressing jackets, colors pink, blue, red and gray, size 32 to 42, price

## \$1.25.

Special values in eider-down dressing jackets, \$1.50, 1.75 and 2.00.

## Outing Flannel Night Robes.

We have purchased especially for our holiday trade a large stock of outing flannel night robes, prices 69, 75, 85c, \$1.25 and 1.50.

## Fur Collarettes.

Some handsome fur collarettes, suitable for Christmas gifts.

## Fancy Collars.

We have a splendid assortment of fancy lace and chiffon collars, ruffles and fancy fronts.

Pompadour ruffles.  
Pompadour collars.

75 children's reefers, sizes 4 to 12 years, regular prices \$3.50 to 8.00 choice for 5-00.

Misses' jackets, special value, sizes 14 and 16 years.

## Blankets.

75 all wool 11-4 blankets, regular price \$7.00, extra good value for the holidays \$5.50 a pair.

5 extra large size 13-4 fine all wool blankets. For our Christmas trade we shall offer them at \$15.00 a pair.

Blankets and Comfortables range in price from 50c. to \$15.00.

We have just received some new and dainty styles especially for the holiday trade.

## Cloak Department.

## Immense Reductions for the Holidays.

In order to greatly stimulate business in our cloak department and to sell as many garments as possible before Christmas, we have decided that instead of waiting until after January 1st to make big reductions on all Ladies', Misses' and Children's Cloaks.

## 200 Ladies' Jackets at Less Than Cost.

One lot of about 75 Jackets, rough and smooth cloths, colors tan, blue, green, brown and black, regular price is \$15.00.

## Special Value at \$9.

8 finest quality kersey cloth jackets, handsomely lined with heavy silk, regular price \$25.

## Special Value at \$15.

# SAMUEL CULLY & COMPANY,

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North Adams, Mass.

# AT ADAMS.

## An Excellent Entertainment.

The Shakespearean recital given by Mrs. Hannibal Williams of Boston in the opera house Tuesday evening under the auspices of the class of '98, was the finest entertainment of the kind ever given in this town. The audience was small and those who were not present must be a real treat. The evening's program was improved much by the assistance of a quartet composed by Miss Winifred Baldwin of Pittsfield, Thomas Carne, Miles B. Fisher and Frank L. Goodnow. Mr. Carne and Miss Baldwin also rendered solos. Mrs. Williams was exceptionally fine, her enunciation was perfect and her voice was strong and easily heard. Her subject was "As You Like It" and the manner in which she recited it proved her to be a first class elocutionist and her efforts were thoroughly appreciated by her listeners. Mrs. C. W. Burton played the piano accompaniment.

## For a Concrete Walk.

During the recent wet weather which was had when the roads were covered with deep mud THE TRANSCRIPT spoke of the poor accommodation for passengers of the street cars in going to and from the car at the end of the line on Park street. The management of the road read the article and in speaking with a representative of this paper Tuesday afternoon, Supt. W. T. Neary said that he had contracted with Mr. Varnum of North Adams, who built a deal of concrete walk in town this fall, to build a walk from the sidewalk to the track and along the side of the track, where the car stops, so that passengers can use the walk when getting off either end of the car. The walk when made will be kept clear and thus will be a decided improvement. The prompt action of the superintendent in this case will be thoroughly appreciated by the public. The walk will be built just as soon as the ground will permit.

## Knights of Columbus Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Knights of Columbus was held in their hall Tuesday evening. Several new applications for membership were received. At the next meeting, Tuesday evening, January 4, the officers recently elected will be installed by District Deputy Mercer of Pittsfield. Arrangements are being made for ladies' night which will probably be held Tuesday evening, January 11. It is probable that a special train will be run on the Boston & Albany railroad to Pittsfield Wednesday, January 12, when the third degree will be worked at the Pittsfield council. Members from the local and North Adams councils will attend.

## A. O. U. W. Meeting.

The annual meeting of the A. O. U. W. was held Tuesday evening in Odd Fellows' hall. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master Workman, Charles J. Copeland; foreman, Frank L. Snow; overseer, Frank Sandford; recorder, Francis R. Harrington; receiver, E. R. Karner; financier, Thomas Jubb; inside watchman, Melvin A. Lewis; outside watchman, W. C. Phillips; trustee to fill vacancy, John J. Waldron. Henry R. Fiddler was elected delegate to the grand lodge at Boston, with Thomas Jubb, alternate. At the previous meeting three applications for membership were received and two at the Tuesday evening's meeting.

## Here is a Record.

A very rare occurrence was that at Zylomite last Saturday when Mrs. William Gates who lives opposite the Adams Power station picked two pansies in full bloom from a flower bed near the house. The bed had not been covered with anything to protect it from the snow or frost but where the pansies were found laid long spears of withered grass which may have kept the cold out some. The flowers were not large but were perfect and were deep colored and sweet scented. Mrs. Gates preserved the specimens in water for several days.

## A Chicken Supper.

Another pleasant evening was enjoyed by about a dozen young men in the parlors of the Adams house on Myrtle street Monday evening. The host of the evening was Edward Fern and he had a chicken supper served to his friends. During the evening songs were sung by James Welch, Edward Duggan and D. J. Dunni. Jack Doyle played several violin selections and Mr. Fern recited "The Old Fat Hen Am a Mister." When all was over the host was heartily thanked for the generous manner in which he entertained.

## To Hold a Memorial Service.

The Woman's Relief corps at their meeting Tuesday evening decided to hold a memorial service in Grand Army hall Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. They invite George E. Sayles post and W. C. F.unkett Camp, Sons of Veterans to attend. The service is held in honor of the late Mrs. Helen A. Brigham of Hyde Park who was past department president. It is probable that Mrs. Josephine Burdick of North Adams will be the leading speaker.

## Woman's Relief Corps Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Relief corps of George E. Sayles post, G. A. R., was held Tuesday evening. The corps decided on the joint installation proposed by the G. A. R. and on the first Tuesday evening in January, the post, with the Relief corps and Sons of Veterans' officers will be installed. Mrs. Josephine Burdick, senior vice-president of the department, will be installing officer for the ladies. The corps will serve refreshments.

## A Special Christmas Dinner.

For those who can't wait until Christmas for their Christmas dinner, Hofsford & Co., will serve a special dinner Friday night. All the dishes that custom attributes to a good Christmas will be represented on the card, and Messrs. Hofsford & Co., say that all in all it will be a close match for the regular Christmas dinner the next day.

## Will Hold Christmas Exercises.

Arrangements are being made for Christmas exercises to be held in the parlors of the Baptist church Friday evening.

lors of the Baptist church Friday evening. An informal entertainment will be given by the children of the Sunday school, consisting of vocal and instrumental selections and recitations. A supper will be served for the young people after the entertainment.

## Reading Club Meeting.

The Home Reading club will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. A. B. Mole. The program will be as follows: The Battle of Thermopylae, Mrs. M. C. Richmond; The Battle of Salamis, Mrs. R. N. Richmond; extract from Herodotus, Mrs. W. S. Jenks; discussion, changes produced in Greece by the Persian Wars.

## For a Ladies Auxiliary.

There is soon to be a new lodge instituted in town. It will be a ladies auxiliary to the A. O. U. W. The lodge will be known as The Degree of Honor. The lodge will be instituted in Odd Fellows' hall about the first of January. Already there is a large number of charter applicants.

## District Court.

In court Tuesday morning the case against Lawrence Hourahan for abusing his privilege of the right of road was continued until Friday morning. Lawyer T. F. Cassidy appeared for the commonwealth and Lawyer Shaw for the defense.

Peter Smith of Murray street has taken a position as clerk in O. A. Upton's co. office on Spring street.

Rev. Fr. Fredette, who was ordained to the priesthood a few days ago has arrived in town and is being congratulated by his many friends and acquaintances.

Miss Susie Streeter is home from a kindergarten school in New York.

A son was born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cassidy of Renfrew.

Miss Mable Hammond returned today from Smith college, Northampton.

Miss Mable Goodell of Zylomite has just recovered from a severe attack of sore throat.

A couple of men from Cheshire were in court this morning charged with disturbing the peace.

William J. Pulver will spend Christmas at Danbury, Conn.

The regular meeting of Hoosac lodge of Odd Fellows will be held this evening.

St. Thomas church choir will meet for rehearsal this evening.

Dr. Andler and F. W. Smith were important witnesses at the hearing of the civil case of Mary Rosenfelder vs. Joseph Grizbach, at the district court in North Adams this morning.

## TRY GRAIN-O! TRY GRAIN-O!

Ask your Grocer today to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. One-quarter the price of coffee. 25c. and 50c. per package. Sold by all grocers.

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The Southern Railway is the great through car route to the South. Double daily service the year round from New York. Special attention is called to the Washington and Southwestern Limited, operated every day in the year, with through Pullman cars New York to New Orleans, New York to Memphis, New York to Asheville and Hot Springs, N. C. Knoxville; Chattanooga and Nashville, Tenn., and to Savannah, Jacksonville and Tampa, Florida. Splendid connections for Alton and Augusta. The only train south affording dining car service throughout the year. Time and service unequalled. Leaves New York via Pennsylvania Railroad (Twenty-third Street Ferry) 4:20 p. m.; from Cortland and Desbrosses Streets, 4:30 p. m.

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## Notice!

I have decided to discontinue the Ready-made Department of my business and to conduct a first-class Gentlemen's Furnishings and Tailoring Business.

On Friday, Dec. 16, we began to close out this department and will offer all ready-made garments without reserve, at prices that will move this stock at the earliest possible moment.

No trading stumps will be given on Ready-made Clothing during this Closing Out Sale.

Chas E Legate,  
Park Street, Adams.

One of the best selected stocks, from the best manufacturers, ever shown.

Price will not keep any garment from selling.

Nothing reserved.

Call and you take something away with you.

## Here's an Opportunity!

# Ashland Street Lot,

52 feet on the street, 93 feet on the Boston & Albany railroad. 150 feet deep. Right price. Right terms.

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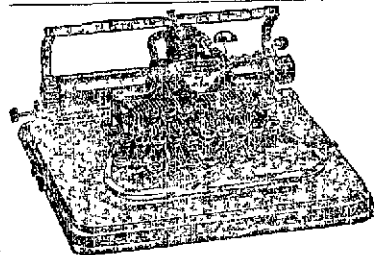
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We don't ask you to come to us. We'll go to you.

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We don't ask you to buy it till you've tried it. The Blickensderfer is a wonder.

## Berkshire Cycle Co.,

92 Main St.,  
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## North Adams Employment Bureau.

I have established a first-class employment bureau at Room 7, Kimball Block, Main street, where I shall be able to supply domestic help. I shall use my best efforts to secure a satisfactory class of help and will relieve patrons of all trouble in hiring.

J. A. GEORGE, Prop.,  
Office hours: 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

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Dr. Williams' Indian Root Pills. Outright cure Blind, Bleeding and Itching Piles. It cures the tumors, always the itching, at once, acts as a poultice, gives instant relief. Dr. Williams' Indian Root Pills. Outright cure Blind, Bleeding and Itching Piles. It cures the tumors, always the itching, at once, acts as a poultice, gives instant relief. Dr. Williams' Indian Root Pills. Outright cure Blind, Bleeding and Itching Piles. It cures the tumors, always the itching, at once, acts as a poultice, gives instant relief.

# CHRISTMAS AT FOUNTAIN'S!

The store is filled with gift goods, in the city

Nowhere else will you find such an assortment.

Dolls, Toys, Pocketbooks, Christmas cards, Calendars, Games,

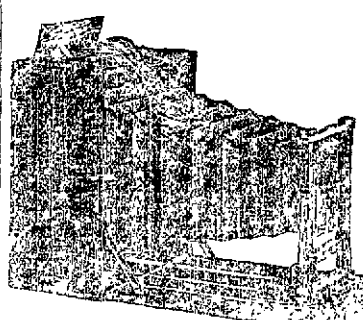
Transparent Slates, Pillow Dex, Paints, Scrap Books, Toilet Cases,

Work Boxes, Toy Banks, Lap Tablets, Masks, Ink Stands, Box Papers,

Photo Albums, Match Safes, Paper Knives, Juvenile Books, Society Stationery,

## KODAKS

Put a Kodak on your Christmas list. We have them \$5 to \$25. The latest is the Falcon. A few more Hawkeyes \$6.37. A full line of Kodaks.



# F. G. FOUNTAIN,

BANK STREET,

NORTH ADAMS.

# BUSINESS IS GOOD!

and the people are crowding into our store and quickly picking up the many good bargains. To make Christmas happy for some fortunate buyer, we shall offer each day this week, from our large line,

# One Sideboard at Cost!

# To-Day's Offer

is an elegant quartered oak sideboard, finely polished, with cast brass trimmings, and the French plate mirrors. Many would call it cheap at \$35.

# Price To-Day \$25.

No misrepresentation in regard to our stock as we believe "Honesty is the best policy."

# BURDETT & COMPANY.

Jewel Trays—In excellent variety at from 50c to \$3.00 each.

Cigar Boxes—Beautifully decorated \$1.75.

Girdles—In large variety from 25c to \$3.00.

Eye Glasses—And spectacles from 25c to \$5.00.

Cuff Buttons—In all the new styles at from 35c to \$5.00 per pair.

Stick Pins—From 75c upward at Frear's. Beautiful styles at dry goods prices.

Gold Collar Buttons—From \$1.00 to \$3.65 each.

Baby's Gold Bib Pins—In handsome variety at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.47 per pair.

Gold Brooches—In handsome variety from \$3.97 upward.

Lace Curtains—In Nottingham, Irish Point, Tambour, etc., etc. Prices begin at 75c and go all the way up to the price scale. If you wish to see an elegant pair ask to see our \$25.00 curtains.

Antique Bed Sets—And Nottingham bed sets in excellent variety at Frear's Upholstery Department.

Silk Cords—For Christmas fancy work at from 8c to 50c per yard at Frear's Upholstery Department.

Christmas Clocks—Dainty porcelain clocks \$1.00. Handsome porcelain clocks \$1.50. Beautiful porcelain clocks at \$1.75. Eight-day clocks, handsomely decorated porcelain cases, striking the half hour on cathedral gong, at \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00 and \$8.50, worth double the prices marked. Eight-day enameled iron case clocks, 1-2 hour strike on cathedral gong, at \$6.50, \$7.00, \$8.00 and \$8.50 each. We are showing some very pretty gift clocks at \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5 each. Alarm clocks, nickel or enamel cases, 75c each at Frear's.

Writing Sets—Consisting of blotter, paper cutter and stamp box, only 39c. Fancy box stationery 25c, 25c, 50c and upward at Frear's Stationery Department.

Pen Holders—Pearl handle pen holders, with pen, 25c. Porcelain pen holders, with pen, 25c, at Frear's Stationery Department.

Celluloid Novelties—All hand painted. Handkerchiefs boxes 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Glove boxes 25c; 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Jewel boxes, 25c and 50c. Stamp boxes 25c.

Rose Bowls 50c. Trinket Boxes 25c and 50c.

Photograph Holders \$1.00 and upward at Frear's Stationery Department.

## EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY AT

# Santa Claus' Headquarters, Frear's Bazaar

Troy, - - New York.

Lorgnettes—In great assortment from \$1.47 to \$10.00.

Opera Glasses—In handsome variety at from \$1.25 to \$12.00.

Lorgnette Chains—In handsome variety at from 50c to \$5.00.

Ink Stands—In beautiful assortment, at 10c, 25c, 50c, 75c and 90c at Frear's Stationery Department.

Gold Dress Pins and Buttons—For children at 47c, \$1.00 and upward to \$2.00.

Fancy Watches—In beautiful variety. Silver watches from \$2.97 to \$9.00. Gold watches from \$9.97 to \$30.00. Enamel watches \$11.47.

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THE TRANSCRIPT BUILDING, BANK STREET,  
NORTH ADAMS, MASS.

I know not the record of sin awaits me  
in the other world; but this I do know,  
that I never was so mean as to despise a  
man because he was poor, because he was  
ignorant, or because he was black.  
—John A. Andrew.

## MEMBERS ASSOCIATED PRESS.

The latest telegraphic dispatches from  
all parts of the world are received exclu-  
sively by THE TRANSCRIPT up to the hour  
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## "WE HOLD THE WESTERN GATEWAY."

From the Seal of the city of North Adams.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 22, '97.

Advertisers in THE TRANSCRIPT  
are the best business men in this commu-  
nity. Their advertisements are worthy  
reading, and they are the firms with  
whom to trade most advantageously.

## THE RESULT.

The city election of 1897 is now a part  
of history, but it will be a landmark in  
the politics of North Adams. It has been  
like "high tide at Gettysburg" and as  
that Union victory put Lee on his long  
retreat that finally ended at Appomattox,  
so this hotly contested city election has  
driven into retreat the forces that rely on  
misstatement and falsification of fact for  
their support. This battle will not have  
to be fought over again. The margin of  
victory was not large to be sure, nor was  
it at Gettysburg for the Union forces were  
too hotly fought to be able to follow Lee,  
but the issue was decisive.

The election of mayor was the great  
point of contest. About it centered not  
only the choice between men, Mr. Cady  
and Mr. Hamer, but it was made the ver-  
dict of the voters as to the present admin-  
istration. It was made the verdict as to  
whether the people of this city would  
support the accusations of misconduct of  
city affairs so vehemently urged by Mr.  
Hamer and his friends, or vote confidence  
in the men now in charge of the city  
government. Every effort of the forces  
in opposition to Mr. Cady and the present  
administration was exerted, under cir-  
cumstances advantageous to that oppo-  
sition. The result was defeat, and defeat  
when the last nerve has been strained is  
more than temporary.

The majority for Mr. Cady is small, but  
when the circumstances are considered  
his victory must be allowed to be em-  
phatic and decisive. His candidacy was  
late, and made long after the forces of  
his opponents were organized and at work.  
He became a candidate after several  
others had withdrawn and who had  
friends who disliked to see hesitancy in  
settling on a leader, as was natural. He  
labored under the great disadvantage of  
having his opponent receive what was  
generally considered the "regular" Re-  
publican nomination, an important mat-  
ter in this Republican city, and which  
fact was made the most of by his oppo-  
nents. He had charged against him all the  
discontent caused by the many reforming  
acts of the present administration, and  
got none of the credit for the adminis-  
tration's good record. When these cir-  
cumstances are considered, Mr. Cady's victory  
of 180 majority becomes a victory of far  
larger proportions than the majority  
figures show.

The eight members of the council  
elected are men of stamp who will make  
good city legislators. They are repre-  
sentative men and men of good judgment.  
A glance at the list shows again that the  
voters of the city have elected councilmen  
who will be in sympathy with a city gov-  
ernment administered as the present one  
has been. Here again the administration  
has been endorsed.

The only other contest, that for assessor  
for one year, was won by a Democrat by a  
narrow majority. He evidently won be-  
cause he was popular and because Republi-  
cans felt that Democrats who supported  
Mr. Cady were deserving of a good turn.  
All things considered, the victory has  
been a substantial one for H. T. Cady and  
administration men. One hundred and  
eighty votes doesn't measure its size. It  
was a victory won by those elected when  
their opponents held the most advan-  
tageous ground that they could possibly  
hope for, at this or any other time.

## THE ELECTION PROVES IT.

The city election held Tuesday goes to  
prove that the tendency in municipal  
contests is toward disregard of party lines  
—at least, in the smaller cities. People  
are coming to realize that municipal af-  
fairs are local, having nothing to do with  
national and state issues. It is no longer  
possible to make the voters of North Ad-  
ams feel that the policy of public im-  
provements here is in any way connected  
with a national policy of protection or  
free trade, or that Mr. Hamer's or Mr.  
Cady's election as mayor is a matter that  
is controlled by the same considerations  
that should dominate the election of a  
president of the United States. The very  
fact that city elections in Massachusetts  
are held on other days than those of na-  
tional elections shows that the purpose is  
to make the consideration of city affairs  
distinct and separate from other politics.  
The city elections in Massachusetts this  
year have shown that people have chosen  
their city officials without regard to their  
political faith in state and national con-  
cerns. As frequently as otherwise, may-  
ors have been chosen whose politics are  
not in accord with a majority of the peo-  
ple of the cities where they have chosen  
them.

This tendency is inevitable. It is the  
result of a broader view being taken of  
municipal affairs. It is the result of  
higher intelligence among the masses of  
voters. It is an encouraging sign of the  
times, and the sooner party leaders recog-  
nize the fact the sooner party divisions  
and bad feeling within party lines at each

## MR. HAMER'S STATEMENT.

This paper would today gladly have  
omitted any personal reference to Harry  
Hamer. But circumstances alter cases.  
In another place in this paper Mr.  
Hamer makes a denial of having signed  
the petition for a recount which is now  
on file in city hall, and which bears the  
name "Harry R. Hamer." Mr. Hamer  
adduces no evidence except his own word,  
and relates a conversation which has  
nothing to do with proving or disproving  
what is so important to Mr. Hamer's  
good name.

In conversation with the editor of this  
paper today Mr. Hamer strenuously  
denied ever having signed his name to  
the petition. He was told that he should  
hunt the "forgery" down at any cost,  
and that THE TRANSCRIPT would help  
him do it and make amends if it was  
wrong. He was told that he had strong  
grounds for a libel suit against this paper  
if he had not signed that petition. He  
was urged most strongly to begin in-  
vestigation for the sake of his reputation.  
His reply was only this: "That he did  
not know how to begin."

If Harry R. Hamer did not sign that  
petition, he will ransack this community  
for evidence to prove it a forgery. He is  
enough of a campaigner to know "how to  
begin."

Will he leave himself branded as hav-  
ing lied to a thousand of his fellow citi-  
zens, openly and premeditatedly, or will  
he like an honest man set about proving  
his innocence by evidence?

The people are watching you, Mr. Ha-  
mer. You are in a bad light. THE TRAN-  
SCRIPT again urges you to leave no stone  
unturned to investigate this matter. We  
hope you may prove your innocence.  
Till you do, we cannot hold ourselves  
slanderers, as you call us, for accepting as  
true a public record carefully kept at city hall.

Caucus frauds and unfair conventions  
are condemned.

Mr. Cady's personality in the campaign  
was a great factor.

Oh, Cady men were not "so many." But  
they were enough.

H. T. Cady was the right candidate.  
The people trust him.

We are all glad that it is over. Let's  
give Santa Claus a show.

Close enough to know that there had  
been a political racket.

Party lines in municipal elections are  
more and more disappearing.

Give Mr. Hamer a rest, if he will ac-  
cept of it. Charity in all things.

The press of Massachusetts far and wide  
is congratulating North Adams today.

True enough. As Lincoln once said and  
Mr. Tinker recently quoted: "The people  
can be trusted."

Councilman Flagg took the banner for  
being first vote getter. His 1890 beat Mr.  
Cady's vote by 5.

Not a statement of THE TRANSCRIPT  
had to be taken back. The voters signed  
them as true bills.

There will be no more packing of Re-  
publican caucuses. It has been proven  
that it does not pay.

The people of North Adams have vindic-  
ated A. C. Houghton and his adminis-  
tration. Stick a pin in that fact.

The councilmen elected are men of  
good judgment and right purpose. That  
is a matter for congratulation.

THE TRANSCRIPT today has to revise its  
3 o'clock estimate of Tuesday. But the  
Fooster had a right to crow and did it.

Mr. Cady received congratulatory tele-  
grams from far and wide last evening.  
The interest in the campaign was not  
confined to North Adams.

Those who appealed to class feeling in  
the campaign closed are the most repre-  
hensible of all. That is a crime against  
the welfare of the community.

There are no chances for recounts.  
There is over 100 votes difference between  
the lowest successful council candidate  
and the highest of the unsuccessful.

Clerk Brooker was on duty from 4.30 a.  
m. Tuesday until 10 p. m. He had the  
returns all balanced at first trial. There is  
no better or more efficient city clerk in  
Massachusetts.

The Christmas spirit of "peace on earth,  
good will toward men" will now have a  
chance in North Adams as elsewhere.  
This spirit has been a little neglected  
here for a few months past.

THE TRANSCRIPT feels pretty well,  
thank you, but it is trying to take the victory  
with moderation and in the spirit of  
charity. We even refrain (with some con-  
siderable effort) from printing the  
"legend of four names." Let us have  
peace.

Now the Hamer press will speak of the  
"magnificent support" given the Ward 1  
candidate. Let them have that crumb or  
consolation. It isn't the 300 majority they  
were sure of Monday night. It is Christ-  
mas time, and in Christmas spirit give  
them all they can get out of it.

Now my little man,  
Tell me if you can  
Where was Daniel when the light went  
out?

What was he a-doing, and what was he  
about?

Now my little man,  
Tell me if you can  
Where was Daniel and what was he  
about?

—Contributed.

H. T. Cady has the right idea. Last  
night in his brief speech to those who  
called him out on Main street, he said,  
"I shall attempt to administer the affairs  
of the city to the satisfaction of those who  
have been my friends and to those who  
have been my opponents in this cam-  
paign." That is the right spirit. H. T.  
Cady will be mayor of all the people of  
this city.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

### Mr. Hamer Makes a Statement.

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT:—In your paper of  
December 21 you tell of the conversation  
that took place on Bank street between  
myself and prominent citizens in regard  
to my name being on a petition. I wish  
to make a statement as to what took  
place.

I was coming from the postoffice when  
S. Proctor Thayer walked up to me and  
passed a paper into my face and said: "Is  
that your signature?" I said, "No, but it  
is a good imitation."

He said, "You did not sign it?" I said,  
"No sir."

He said, "We have got you this time,  
the bank officials say that is your signa-  
ture."

I said, "I hardly ever sign my name  
Harry R. Hamer on the bank notes,  
checks, etc. I sign H. R. Hamer." I  
never said I never signed my name  
Harry R. Hamer, but that most of the  
paper that went through the bank, I  
signed H. R. Hamer.

Mark E. Couch then put in his appear-  
ance at this time. He showed another  
paper with my signature on it and asked  
me if that was my signature. I said it  
was.

He said: "What is the difference in  
those two signatures?"

I said: "One is genuine, the other is a  
forgery." He said: "You did not sign  
that paper?" I said, "No sir." He said:  
"You lie, you did. We have got you  
where we want you. We have showed  
you to be a liar, just what you are."

I turned and left them and they fol-  
lowed back me, Mr. Couch calling out,  
"A liar, you are a liar, we have showed  
you up, go home and soak your head and  
go to bed. You are a liar."

I wish to call attention to the fact that  
my name was the last of the signers and  
it was put there by some one other than  
myself. I knew nothing about the peti-  
tion, never saw it until Proctor Thayer  
and Mark Couch showed it to me. It is  
not my signature and I never had any-  
thing to do with the paper.

I am willing to abide by the judgment  
of the people, but I did feel that it was  
due to myself and those belonging to me,  
to not let this slander go by without a  
statement from me.

HARRY R. HAMER.

### A Cady Rooster.

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT:—George W.  
White of East Quincy street is the pos-  
sessor of a rooster, reared, nursed and  
brought up under Hamer influence and  
policy, but as blood always tells, this  
rooster soon outgrew its quarters and  
sought a purer political atmosphere. Just  
as the salutes were being fired last night,  
telling of Cady's victory, the rooster be-  
gan to crow, and seemed to catch the in-  
spiration of the times, and kept it up un-  
til the smoke had cleared away.

May this rooster's life be long  
To sing the Cady song!

AN ADMINISTRATION WOMAN.

### NEWS IN BRIEF.

Washington Herald, proprietor of The  
States Zeitung and ex-postmaster of  
Chicago, is dead.

A squad of police raided a laundry in  
New Haven last night and sequestered in 26  
Chinamen who were engaged in playing  
fan-tan and other games.

A proposition is being discussed to  
make a thorough reform of the immigra-  
tion laws on the lines of the immigra-  
tional educational test bill.

Sheriff Tarleton of Ritchie county, W.  
Va., has been shown to be about \$10,000  
short in his cash accounts, and has been  
relieved from duty, his bondsman having  
given him up.

A 3-year-old daughter of Thomas  
Myers of Dorchester, Mass., died Sun-  
day afternoon from the effects of drink-  
ing alcohol which she took while her  
parents were not looking.

The body of Frank McCabe, who had  
been missing from his home in Dover,  
N. H., since midnight Friday, was found  
in the river Sunday afternoon. The  
drowning was accidental.

The Brazilian and Italian governments  
have signed an agreement settling the  
incident of the killing of the Italians at  
Espirito Santo last month. Italy admits  
there was no cause for diplomatic inter-  
vention.

Men dragged the Susquehanna river  
Sunday for the body of Rev. S. S. Spur-  
rier of Harrisburg, Pa., who it is  
thought, either committed suicide or was  
murdered and his body thrown into the  
river last Thursday night.

The plate glass strike in Kokomo, Ind.,  
is over. The 1600 men in the Kokomo and  
Andelwood plants having accepted the  
company's proposition for polishes to be  
paid for piece work. Both factories will  
resume operations this week.

The supreme lodge of the Knights of  
Pythias, through its committee and su-  
preme chancellor, has awarded to Hot-  
tamm & Precha of New York the con-  
tract for the monument to be erected in  
honor of Founder Rathbone at Utica.

Frederick M. Weir, 40 years old, whose  
home was in Chelsea, Mass., committed  
suicide Saturday night by cutting his  
throat with a razor in a New York hotel,  
where he was temporarily stopping.

Life was extinct when the fact of the  
suicide became known.

At Elk City, Kan., John Straus is  
dead, his two sons are dying and M. T.  
Read and his daughter are critically ill  
from drinking coffee into which rat  
poison had been dropped accidentally.

The unfortunates were participants in  
a social at the Straus home.

The new grand jury has returned three  
indictments against John Anderson,  
cook of the schooner Oliver Pecker,  
charged with the murder of Captain  
Whitman and Made Saunders and with  
burning the vessel. Anderson was put  
on trial for the murder of Saunders and  
pleaded not guilty.

Tablets said to contain the "concentrated  
essence of wine" find a ready  
sale in France. Two of them cost about  
8 shillings and will produce three  
quarts of so called cognac.

Hot waffles, piping hot with maple  
syrup, at Hesford's, Day and night.

"We have a fine supply of sorted hard  
wood, both sawed and split. Call write  
or telephone T. W. Richmond's coal and  
wood office.

Best coal, fresh supplies received every  
day. Orders promptly filled. Call, write  
or telephone T. W. Richmond's coal and  
wood office.

"Colman's 'Hudson Club' cigar, 5c.

If the Observer had taken notice of the  
crowds that thronged Tilton's store on  
Saturday afternoon and evening, he or  
she would have realized that Xmas  
shopping had begun in earnest and if  
they wished to purchase holiday articles  
—and get the best selection at Tilton's,  
no time was to be lost.

## WHAT THE GREATER NEW YORK IS TALKING ABOUT.

Popularity of the Colortura Singer In  
Gotham—Selling Telephones In the As-  
torian's Sun Bath—A New Business Daily.  
Periodicals Started and to Be Established.

New York, Dec. 22.—[Special.]—Miss  
Murielle Sembrich, again in New York  
and singing part of the time at the Astor  
to the statures of the sunbath and part of  
the time from the stage of the Metropolitan  
Opera House to the people at large, is rapidly  
and permanently winning an unusu-  
ally big place in the hearts of music lovers  
here.

Miss Sembrich is a remarkable woman  
in many ways outside her art. She is  
tactful, reserved, clever. She appears  
to have been taken up by the sunbath as cor-  
dially as she could be there not in the  
habit of singing for money. Only the  
other day her name, not being on the pro-  
gramme for a certain musical "morning"  
or "evening," was inserted in the list of  
"patronesses" along with Mrs. John Jacob  
Astor's and a half dozen others of similar  
social and financial grade.

This shows the singer to be possessed of  
much besides a beautiful, cultivated voice.  
Her tact is admirably exemplified by her  
air. When singing at the Astoria, she is  
governed magnificently, but as an up-  
to-date woman of fashion, following the latest  
modes to the smallest detail, as closely as  
any woman in the audience, but at the  
Metropolitan she is prone to don a garb  
that is far less in keeping with the society  
woman's notions, though much more ap-  
propriate to the singer's style of brunette  
beauty. At the Astoria she wears sub-  
dued shades, but at the Metropolitan her  
gowns sometimes fairly blaze with color.

One evening she wore a gown of Paul and  
gives the old time standby, "Home, Sweet  
Home." She sings this old ballad most  
effectively, as a rule, but her success  
could be much more uniform if she were  
to learn how to pronounce the English  
words distinctly.

Her husband is her accompanist. He is a  
good looking, cheerful, a thoughtful  
face, and their conjugal life is said to be  
almost ideal. Their income is at least  
\$50,000 a year.

Sold at Rehearsal.

Speaking of the Astoria and the musical  
entertainments that are so much a fea-  
ture of that house at the present time brings  
to mind the fact that Anton Seidl and his  
finely balanced orchestra do much of their  
rehearsing there now.

The rehearsals are generally held before  
midday, above the fourteenth story from  
the sidewalk, in the glass roofed, class in-

closed "sun bath," the floor of which forms  
a part of the hotel's roof. This apartment  
is really spacious, but the musicians of the  
Seidl orchestra are so numerous as almost  
completely to fill it.

Herr Seidl is an interesting man at all  
times, but doubly so when, secure from  
general observation, he is training his ac-  
complished music makers. He is most  
open by the public in the peculiar light  
that falls upon the conductor's stand in  
the concert hall and the opera house, and  
he always seems pale. Seen under the  
pure white light that falls upon him un-  
der the skylights of the "sunbath," how-  
ever, he is of a waxen complexion that is  
almost ghastly, and the weirdly peculiar  
expression given to his pointed face by his  
long dark hair at all times is greatly in-  
tensified, and so is the deep sparkle of his  
penetrating eyes.

He seems all nerve and energy when  
leading his orchestra in public, but he is  
almost infinitely freer in gesture at re-  
hearsal, and his men play with as much  
care and enthusiasm when none but their  
leader, themselves and possibly two or  
three outsiders are there to hear as they  
do when their music falls on the ears of  
spellbound thousands. Indeed it seemed  
to me that their rendition of a movement  
from "Faust" at rehearsal the other morn-  
ing was better balanced and given with  
more perfect expression than I had ever  
heard it performed in public.

A New Newspaper.

On the first Monday of the new year,  
Jan. 3, 1898, this town will be possessed  
of a new daily newspaper, The New York  
Commercial and Shipping, and Commercial  
List and New York Price Current, to  
give the title in full. It is but fair to say  
that the two subtitles are probably used  
only because the coming journal is really  
a six times a week continuation of two  
publications that were formerly issued at  
longer intervals.

Its principal owner, Mr. D. O. Haynes,  
announces that the New York Commer-  
cial will be a purely business paper for  
business men, devoted to all sorts of intel-  
ligence concerning commercial and manu-  
facturing affairs, and with this phase of  
his enterprise he has already made the  
business men of the country familiar.

Its establishment grew out of the big  
banquet got up in 1894 in double celebra-  
tion of the one hundredth anniversary of  
the Jay commercial treaty between the  
United States and Great Britain and the  
founding of the old periodical, The Ship-  
ping List. Mr. Dewey was the bright  
particular star of that banquet, and was  
also the editor of a commercial history to  
which many men of national importance  
in practical affairs contributed that was  
then put out by Mr. Haynes. While the  
New York Commercial will be as unlike  
certain other forms of New York journal-  
ism, sometimes called "news"—as can well  
be imagined—its friends say it will be a  
genuine specimen of the best "new jour-  
nalism." Its career will be watched with  
interest.

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confusion had Mr. Haynes selected some  
title less like those of both The Commer-  
cial Bulletin, somewhat similar in scope,  
and The Commercial Advertiser, the well  
known afternoon newspaper.

## The Ties of Friendship

Are of a lasting quality. Our HOLIDAY  
TIES are of this kind, and will prove a most  
useful gift. Puffs, Ascots, Four-in-Hands,  
Full Dress Shields, the finest silks and latest  
styles; Mufflers, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Mit-  
tens, Night Robes, Bath Robes, Dress Suit  
Cases, Umbrellas, Sweaters, Caps, etc., at low-  
est prices.

## MILLER & CO., Exclusive Hatters and Furnishers, in St. No. Adams.

### Hugs and Moving.

A certain man who owns a row of  
dwelling houses over in the northwest  
quarter of the town has learned wisdom  
by bitter experience. A friend of mine  
went to him not long ago to rent one of  
the houses.

"Do you lease it by the month or by  
the year?" she inquired.

"That depends on what you are going  
to have on your floors," answered the  
landlord. "Are you going to have car-  
pets?"

"No," answered my friend; "we  
have rugs."

"You'll have to sign a year's lease  
then," the landlord made reply, smil-  
ing craftily. "If you bought carpets and  
had them fitted to the floors, I know  
you'd stay in the house as long as you  
could, but these rugs are too easily ad-  
justed to any sized room. You'll have  
to sign a year's lease if you have rugs.

There are seven houses in my row, and  
six of them haven't kept a tenant longer  
than two years at a time for the last five  
years. The seventh house—well, the  
people in it had carpets made and laid  
for it five years ago, and they haven't  
thought of moving. Carpets, I'll rent  
by the month; rugs, a year's lease."

—Washington Post.

### A Lucky Find.

Two men walking on Campbell street  
toward Twelfth one night were accosted  
by a negro woman who was excited.

"Kin either one of you mens give me  
a match?" she said.

"What for?"

"I lost a quanta down there, an I  
want to hunt for it."

She was given several matches and  
ran ahead and began striking matches  
and looking along the sidewalk. When  
the two men came up, she had stopped  
hunting and had apparently found the coin.

"Well, did you find it?" inquired one  
of the men.

"No, but I done find this horsehoe,  
an that's better'n two quanta," she  
said.—Kansas City Star.

## GIVEN FREE

A beautiful basket and bottle  
of perfume with every purchase  
amounting to one dollar, during  
Christmas week.

HASTINGS' DRUG STORE.

## WHAT SHALL I GIVE?

There are a score of persons to prove that the best Christmas  
gift that you can give to your friend is a piece of furniture. The  
cost need not be excessive. You will be surprised to see what  
attractive Christmas gifts we have at \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8 and \$10.

In giving a piece of furniture for a Christmas gift bear in mind that it is sure to be  
acceptable; you run no possible risk of its failing to please.  
It is not mere ornamentation, but it is useful as well. It is practical.  
It will not be a duplicate. He is not likely to buy it for himself.  
It will last a lifetime and be a constant reminder of your thoughtfulness and  
liberality.

You cannot make a purchase that will make so large a showing for an equal ex-  
pense, or one that will give your friend so much comfort, convenience and satisfaction  
combined.

Remember that we make special prices for Christmas which are the lowest of the  
whole year. It is the one time to buy furniture. We are displaying now the largest  
stock of novelties that we have shown in a long while.

GREEN & WATERMAN,  
263 RIVER STREET, TROY.

Too much stock,  
too little cold weather?

The result—Some very striking bargains in good, serviceable, finely-tailored  
Winter Suits and Overcoats

that must command the attention of everyone who looks for good quality  
for little money. Here is part of the story. All-wool suits \$4.50. All-  
wool cashmere suits, splendid values at 4.50, 5, and 86. Strictly wool Ker-  
sey overcoats, blues and black, 86. Everything in furnishings at the same  
low prices.

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CHRISTMAS pleasures will be lasting,  
if you buy a beautiful piece of Art China,  
fine table ware, rich glass or silver. Our  
low prices on Dinner Sets are closing out a  
large lot. The great line of useful articles  
will help you to decide what to buy. Come  
in and look it over.

C. H. Mather.



# UNCLE SAM'S CHARITY.

Going into the Relief Business on a Large Scale.

## EXPEDITION TO THE KLONDIKE.

Walter Wellman Questions the Wisdom of the Government's Plans For the Relief of the Icebound Whalers—Difficulties of the Klondike Venture.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—[Special.]—Uncle Sam is going into the relief expedition business on a large scale. He has already dispatched the revenue cutter Bear to west Alaska under orders to send a party of men with reindeer northward toward Point Barrow for the purpose of affording relief to 300 or 400 whalers imprisoned in the ice there. As I have already pointed out in this correspondence, it is not this relief expedition going to have a very hard time of it. Instead of sending a party with supplies northward, it is thought it would be better to see that supplies are placed where the whalers can get them on their way south.

It is my opinion, based on reports brought back from the Arctic whaling waters, that the crews still up there are in no danger of starvation. While it is true that owing to the neglect of the ice and the owners of the vessels they have not a sufficient supply of food to last them through the long Arctic winter, there is some to be had in the waters and perhaps upon the land, and if worst comes to worst they can subsist upon the whale flesh and blubber and oil which they have in the holds of their ships. It is not a very inviting fare, but anything is preferable to starvation.

Good Arctic Game. It has frequently happened in the history of the Spitzbergen and other whaling grounds that the crews that in the ice and compelled to winter have been forced to resort to whale meat. It is not nearly as good as seal, however. The chances are the whalers up at Point Barrow will kill a good many seal, and they should take quite a number of ice bear, too, and the ice bear is right good eating when well boiled in the pot.

It is considered certain by those who have studied the situation that if these whalers are in any danger of starvation they will march south during the autumn or winter. Unless they see that they have at or near Point Barrow enough food to last them with such game as they can take through the winter, they will pack up their kits and set out along the coast. They will not dream that an effort is to be made to send supplies up to them, since it is so much easier for them to come down empty handed than it is for a relief party to march to their aid with heavy loads. Moreover, the men know that ample supplies may be had further south at the mission and reindeer stations.

### The Klondike Expedition.

This is not the largest relief enterprise in which our government is now engaged. Secretary Alger, with characteristic energy and business acumen, is pushing the project to send large quantities of food into the Klondike country for relief of the gold miners there. According to reports, the miners will starve, or at least many of them will, unless supplies are sent in to them or they induced to come out to points where food can be had. Secretary Alger has sent for reindeer from Lapland with native drivers, and he believes that with the aid of these animals large quantities of provisions can be transported over the long trail in time to be of much help to the miners. Here again the experts come forward and advise the secretary to adopt the expedient of trying to get the starving men to come out where the food is instead of sending it in to them.

The distance from Dyea or Skagway to Dawson, the center of the mining district, is about 250 miles in a direct line, but much farther by the trail. It is a most difficult road. Not only are the passes to be crossed with their rugged, almost impossible ascents, but the surface of the rivers is very rough and humpy. In freezing the currents caused the ice to roll up in waves, and the drifting snow has made the path anything but a good one to travel. Men who have recently come out over this trail speak of the difficulties which they encountered while struggling along with their light loads. Many of them expect the relief parties which will go with all they can haul.

### A Herculean Task.

Secretary Alger would like to send to Dawson something like 400 or 500 tons of supplies. But this is obviously an impossible task. Admitting that reindeer can be employed to advantage, and that mules or other food for them can be found on the way, each reindeer will draw only 300 pounds, and that means seven deer to the ton of supplies, not to mention the amount of food consumed by the team on route. The experts tell Secretary Alger that instead of sending a large number of men into the Klondike with supplies, every one to be fed as long as he stays there, it would be much better to dispatch a few officers to Dawson and Circle as fast as they can travel to tell the miners that there is not only food for them at Dyea, but that the trail has been provisioned and supplied with shelter houses. By this means the miners might be induced to leave their cabins and start for the head of navigation. Many of them would certainly do so if they were assured of finding food and help along the way. As for shelter houses, it would only be necessary to take out a few tents, and a large number of reindeer skin sleeping bags.

Men who have been over the trails between Dawson and the head of the Lynn canal give it as their opinion that no large amount of supplies can be by any means sent in to the Yukon country during the winter. The trail is not only rough and the trail in places almost impassable, but the cold is even greater than that which prevails about the north pole. It is colder than at the pole because it is upon high, mountainous land, while the north pole, as far as any one knows, is at the level of the sea. Besides the storms in Alaska in winter are worse than the storms in the real Arctic, on account of the land masses in proximity to the sea and the presence of the glaciated mountains. Altogether the effort to send supplies to the Yukon, while praiseworthy and calculated to make every American proud of his countrymen, is almost as difficult as going to the north pole itself.

WALTER WELLMAN.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. M. E. Couch of Church street will entertain the "Pimble club" Thursday afternoon.

Joseph McCusker, an operator in the main office of the Western Union Telegraph company in New York city, is in town visiting his parents. Mr. McCusker was formerly a messenger boy in this city.

Miss Christine Dykes of Weber Bros. store is on the sick list.

# TRAVELLER'S GUIDE.

## Hitchhike Railroad.

Corrected Nov. 15, 1907.  
Trains leave North Adams going East—11:37, 12:12, 7:23, 9:53, a. m., 12:40, 4:31, 9:53, 12:00 p. m.  
Going West—7:30, 10:00, a. m., 12:20, 1:34, 5:00, 12:05, 11:46, 12:39, 12:40 p. m.  
Train Arrive From East—10:08, a. m., 12:10, 1:34, 6:00, 12:00, 11:46, 12:39 p. m.  
From West—11:37, 12:12, 7:23, 9:53, a. m., 12:40, 4:31, 9:53, 12:00 p. m.  
Run Daily, except Monday.  
Run Daily, Sunday included.  
Sunday only.

## New York Central R. R.

HARLEM DIVISION.  
Leave North Adams via B. & A. R. R. for New York city 6:20 a. m.; arrive N. Y. city 11:55 a. m.; leave North Adams 1:00 a. m.; arrive N. Y. city 4:58 p. m.; leave North Adams 8:00 p. m.; arrive N. Y. city 12:42 p. m. Sunday train leaves North Adams 1:00 p. m.; arrive N. Y. city 5:30 p. m.  
Fast Pittsburgh and North Adams special trains leave N. Y. city at 9:06 a. m. and 4:35 p. m., except Sundays, arriving in North Adams at 12:25 p. m. and 8:50 p. m. Sunday train leaves N. Y. city at 9:17 a. m. arrives North Adams 4:20. F. J. Wolke, General Agent, Albany, N. Y.

## Boston & Maine Railroad.

AT GREENFIELD.  
For Springfield, Northampton, and Holyoke 6:20, 7:10, 10:00, 11:10 a. m., 1:00, 3:02, 4:12, 5:20 p. m. Sundays 6:20, 8:40 a. m. For Deerfield, Whately and Hatfield, 7:10, 11:10 a. m., 1:00, 4:12 p. m. Sundays 6:20, 8:40 a. m.  
For South Vernon Junction, 8:52, 10:22 a. m., 1:22, 2:30, 4:04, 9:15 p. m. Sundays 4:50 a. m., 10:22 a. m., 1:22, 4:54, 9:15 p. m. Sundays 4:50 a. m.  
For Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, and Windsor, 10:22 a. m., 1:22, 4:54, 9:15 p. m. Sundays 4:50 a. m., 10:22 a. m., 1:22, 4:54, 9:15 p. m. For Newport and Sherbrooke, 10:22 a. m., 9:15 p. m.

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## LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

—Mrs. Daniel Keating of Stamford, Vt., has fully recovered from her recent illness.

—Jaco lodge, I. O. O. F., worked the first degree on two candidates Tuesday evening.

—The Postal telegraph messenger boys have formed an organization to be known as the Oriental club.

—There will be a regular meeting of Stewart Council Steam engineers this evening. Officers will be elected for the ensuing year.

—J. A. Twing is running a skating rink on the Bartlett and Witt ponds. Electric lights will soon be erected. There is good skating now and many are enjoying the sport.

—The Salvation Army will hold Christmas exercises in the hall on Eagle street Christmas eve. There will be speaking, singing, etc., and presents will be provided for 50 poor children.

—The seven deaths in the city last week were caused by old age, heart disease, acute bronchitis, typhoid fever, degeneration of the pancreas, chronic inflammation of the liver and meningitis.

—J. H. Flaherty has papered and painted the interior of his cigar store on Eagle street and greatly improved its appearance. There are some further improvements to be made and when all is done Mr. Flaherty will have an attractive place or business.

—The first basket ball practice will take place in Odd Fellows' hall this evening. The hall will be open to any who may be interested and there will probably be a good number on hand to watch the beginning of what promises to become a popular sport here.

—On North Church street Tuesday a little boy was seen to ascend a doorstep and rap lightly on the door. The rapping was evidently done to divert suspicion for the next move was to grab three pennies from a milk pitcher and run. The boy accomplished the theft in a way to indicate that it was not his first.

—A young man in this city who modestly refuses to allow his name to be used has been trying his hand lately at drawing humorous sketches. He sent four of them to Little and while none of them have yet been published the fact that they were accepted is indicated by the receipt of the publishers' check for \$24.

—The hop given by a number young ladies in the Army hall Tuesday evening was a great success and was a most enjoyable affair. Music was furnished by the Band and orchestra, whose work was highly complimented by the dancers. Refreshments were served and nothing was wanting to make the occasion the complete success it was designed to be.

—H. G. B. Fisher, whose home is in New York, though he has never changed his residence from North Adams, arrived in the city early yesterday for the purpose of voting for Mayor Oddy. It was quite an effort for Mr. Fisher to be here for he was quite severely hurt some four weeks ago by being thrown down and bruised by a trolley car.

—H. Austin Ketchum, who recently came to this city from Albany, is a very skillful guitarist and will be a welcome addition to the musical talent which abounds in North Adams. Mr. Ketchum was in town last summer for the benefit of his health and liked the place so well that he decided to locate here. He will make his headquarters at Davis' music store and will give lessons on the guitar.

—Hoosac lodge, N. E. O. F., elected officers Tuesday evening as follows: Warden, Thomas W. Lewis; vice warden, L. B. Kent; secretary, R. C. Lucius; financial secretary, Maggie Kennedy; treasurer, Arthur C. Darling; chaplain, E. E. Curly; guide, John B. Page; guardian, T. J. Costello; sentinel, Ernest Kent; trustee, J. R. Chippendale. The officers will be installed at the first or second meeting in January.

—List of letters advertised at the North Adams, Mass., postoffice December 22, 1897: Miss Kate Alward, Mrs. Sarah Bement, Miss Commons, Mrs. Milton Davis, Mrs. S. N. Morse, Miss Cora Roberts, Mrs. John Ruane, Miss B. H. Villos, Abram Brothers, A. T. Galbraith, George Hodge, Will Houells, Fred A. Lewis, Robert McGrail, Adol. Mathew, H. E. Skinner, Lammara F. Di Rattachi, Pumasoni Pasquale, P. Unabanski.

Calnan's "Hudson Club" cigar, 5c.

# District Court.

There were no criminal cases in court this morning. A civil case in which George Broussou sued George Matthews for wages claimed was heard and a decision was given in favor of the defendant. The facts of the case seem to be that Broussou in company with Luke Matthews, nephew of the defendant, formed a company and went to the Cambridge, N. Y. fair last September to present a show. Things did not pan out as was expected and the defendant, who is a contractor in this city, went to the fair to see how the troupe was getting on. His visit was just what saved the company from utter ruin. When Mr. Matthews arrived he found the troupe at a hotel and the proprietor was trying to get his pay for board. Messrs. Matthews and Broussou, the managers of the troupe, sought him to pay the bills, which amounted to \$27 and the money was loaned. Since that time Mr. Matthews gave Broussou employment with the understanding that the former would work out the \$23, which was supposed to be half the loan. When he had quit work he wanted money, and when told there was nothing for him, he sued. Lawyer Mack appeared for the plaintiff and Lawyer Beer for the defendant.

## Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Tonight Prof. Guss will give his last lecture on chemistry at the normal school. This lecture will be of special value to working men and any who have to study chemistry. He will take up the food questions from the standpoint of their economic value, showing from charts the relative cost and nutritive value of the different food stuffs.

Christmas night will be ladies' night. A fine musical program will be given. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present.

## Sale and Entertainment.

The sale and entertainment held at the Baptist church parlors Monday and Tuesday evening was considered successful. The first evening's entertainment was a musical and Tuesday evening's entertainment was a sort of dialogue entitled "Parliamentary Religion." It was given by six members of the Father Lights circle and they executed their parts well. Miss Ruby Rice played a piano solo. Altogether the event was a very pleasant one.

## Salvation Army Lodging House.

Any friends who can possibly donate any part of men's clothing, we shall gladly receive them at the Salvation Army lodging house, 3 Marshall street, to be distributed among the needy, free during the winter. We will also gladly receive any order of hard or kindling wood which we have in first class quality on hand. By giving us orders you will give employment to the poor.

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## A Good Attraction.

An excellent performance of the "Unknown" was given at Columbia opera house Tuesday evening by the Miles Stock company to a large house. The specialties of Jack Tucker and Baby Yavene were among the best ever heard here. Tonight "In Mexico" will be the bill. Matinees are given every afternoon.

## Good Skating at Park.

Skating at Hoosac Valley park is the best it has ever been. All the snow has been scraped off and the pond is like a mirror. The stove in the pavilion is kept hot and the building is comfortably warm. All lovers of good skating may enjoy it at the park.

## GREYLOCK.

Henry, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Villeneuve, died Sunday noon. He was five years old and was loved by everyone who knew him. Mr. and Mrs. Villeneuve have the sympathy of the entire community.

Prof. Charles E. Fellow and Assistant Tucker of Columbian university are at the Arnold Print works, studying colors which will be used in the professor's chemistry class at college.

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Matinee—10c to all. Evening—10, 20, 30c.

Watch for Damon and Pythias in honor of the Knights of North Adams.

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The finest line of all kinds of fruits, nuts and confectionery just arrived at F. Sattis's, 81 Main street. Special bargains in all kinds of goods for Christmas.

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A few more of those Jardiniers left. Have you seen them? You cannot find them anywhere in the city to compare with ours in style and price. Our mahogany-finished rocker, with upholstered seat and back, for \$3.98, beats them all.

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**Local News!**

**SAVOY.**

There is to be a Christmas tree at the Hollow, also at the Union church Friday evening.

The school at Newstate closed Friday last and the school at the Centre joined with the Newstate school and they gave an entertainment at the Union church consisting of singing, music on the organ, dialogues and recitations, although the schools were small and many of them small children we think they showed marked talent as speakers. Also that they had been well trained in the way of speaking.

Elmer McCulloch was in Boston part of last week.

W. H. Coddington, who has been a little indisposed, is able to be about by the aid of a cane.

The young people of this place enjoyed a dance at the town hall on Saturday night.

Mrs. Bliss is gaining slowly.

Mrs. Mrs. Horner Burnett and daughter are having the mumps.

M. A. Bliss has sold his horse Prince to A. J. McCulloch.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Burnett gave a reception at their home in Florida December 15 to about 60 of their friends. The evening was pleasantly passed in singing, music on the organ, violin playing, games and partaking of refreshments. The party dispersed at about 2 o'clock, hoping to meet their host and hostess on many more such occasions.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Burnett December 15.

Miss Grace Hibbard and her sister, Mamie, have returned to their home in Lenox.

W. W. Burnett and Area Burnett peddled cheese through Florida, Monroe and Southern Vermont last week.

**NORTH FOWNAL.**

The enterprising and popular merchant, C. H. Myers of Powassal Center, is making a weekly trip our way every Wednesday. Locomotor Eugene Harlow worked Monday, December 13, in the weave shop. On Tuesday morning he and his family were not to be found. The house they occupied was vacant. We have since heard that in the night he moved his family to North Petersburgh.

The concert given at the Congregational church Tuesday evening was well attended and a pleasant time was spent by those attending.

A Christmas tree entertainment and concert will be held at the Methodist church Friday evening of this week by the Sunday school. A merry Christmas and a cordial invitation is extended to all as well as young.

Rev. A. M. Woodruff returned Monday from a week's vacation.

The pastor of the Methodist church being absent the Sunday services was conducted by a minister from Williamstown.

Frank Bancroft was here Monday with a team from North Adams to move his household goods to that city.

Miss Alice Moses is again ill and had to close her school in room No. 2 Friday afternoon. M. B. Bates is filling the vacancy.

**FOWNAL CENTER.**

Mrs. Sherman passed away on December 14 after a long and painful illness, at the home of Mrs. Rosenbury. Mrs. Sherman lived a long and useful life, being in her 71st year. She was a kind woman, always ready to help others, the loving mother of three daughters to mourn her loss in the West and Mrs. William Campbell of this town with whom she had made her home during the past few years. The interment was in the Oak Hill cemetery.

Dearest Mother thou has left us  
For thy long and peaceful rest,  
Though our hearts be sad with weeping  
Yet we think it for the best.  
Thou hast been a faithful mother  
Through the years of toil and pain,  
May the Saviour bear you onward  
Where we hope to meet again.

We shall miss you through the years  
Fleeting forward day by day,  
Till at length we'll meet you, Mother  
In that home so far away.  
When our work on earth is ended  
And we're called to Heaven above,  
May we gather 'round the Saviour  
There to rest in endless love.

**MISS ADA OAKES OF STAMFORD, is the guest of Mrs. Frank Root.**  
Sherman Kimbal has returned home from Connecticut where he has been working during the past few months.

**SHERMAN**

Last week Tuesday morning about 6 o'clock fire was seen in the lime kiln building. It gained headway very fast and soon it was beyond all hope of saving the kiln sheds, and the time was devoted to saving the trestle which the rock is carried on to the kilns from the quarry by fighting furiously for about two hours. The main part of the trestle was saved. The fire caught by the water getting into some lime and its slackening, setting the barrels on fire. A similar fire occurred early in the spring. The kilns were damaged somewhat. The entire loss is not known. It was partly covered by insurance.

George Bascom came home last week Thursday for a few days and will return this week.

Miss Mattie Plumb is spending Christmas at home. She is attending school at Northfield.

The lime kilns are to be rebuilt again this fall; it is to be done by contract.

**SWEET'S CORNERS.**

Rev. O. J. Rose attended the funeral services of Mr. Lamb of North Adams last Wednesday. Mr. Lamb was the son of John Lamb of this place. He was brought up here and moved to North Adams where he took up the ice business. Mr. Lamb's family have the sympathy of their friends.

Andrew Walton is building quite a large hen house which will make it very much easier to keep fowls than before.

The Baptist Sunday school are going to have a tree New Years eve. In connection with the tree there will be an oyster supper for which the sum of 25 cents will be charged. All the rest is free. All are cordially invited to come.

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**THE COURT JESTER.**

A Practical Joke That Will Sometime Be Played on Cardinal Wolsey.

Amelia Wofford tells of "The Court Jesters of England" in St. Nicholas. The following is related of King Henry VIII's jester:

Bombers, like Scogan, liked a practical joke, and one that he played on Cardinal Wolsey is thus quaintly told by Amyn:

"Of a time appointed the king dined at Windsor, in the chapel yard at Cardinal Wolsey's at the same time when he was building that admirable work of his tomb, at whose gate stood a number of poor people, to be served with alms when dinner was done within, and as will passed by they saluted him, taking him for a worthy personage, which pleased him. In he comes, and finding the king at dinner and the cardinal by attending, to disgrace him that he never loved, Harry, says hee, lend me £10. What to doe? saies the king. To pay three or foure of the cardinal's creditors, quoth hee, to whom my word is past, and they are now come for the money. That thou shalt, Will, quoth hee. Creditors of mine? saies the cardinal. He give your grace my head if any man can justly aske me a penny. No, saies Will. Lend me £10. If I pay it not where thou owest it, Ie give thee £20 for it. Doe so, saies the king. That I will, my liege, saies the cardinal, though I owe none. With that he lends Will £10. Will goes to the gate, distributes it to the poore and brought the empty bag. There is thy bag againe, saies hee. Thy creditors are satisfied, and my word out of danger. Who received, saies the king, the brewer or the baker? Nayther, Harry, saies Will. Sommers. But, cardinal, answer me in one thing, to whom dost thou owe thy soule? To God, quoth hee. To whom thy wealth? To the poore, saies hee. Take thy forfeit, Harry, saies the fool. Open confession, open penance. His head is thine, for to the poore at the gate I paid his debt, which hee yields is due, or if thy stony heart will not yield it so, save thy head by denying thy word and lend it mee. Thou knowest I am poore and have no other wealth nor wit, and what thou lendest to the poore God will pay thee tenfold. The king laugh't at the jest, and so did the cardinal for a shew, but it grieved him to jest away £10 so."

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Brette—I never saw such a cold audience in my life.  
Light—Didn't they warm up a bit?  
Brette—Well, when they spoke of bringing out the author I believe some of the audience got hot.—Yonkers Statesman.

A contemporary mentions that there are schools in Belgium where the girls are not only taught housekeeping in all its branches, but the management of children as well.

Seven British regiments have been given permission to add the word "Chitral" to their colors.

**DON'T TALK OF YOUR ILLS.**

People Are More Interested In The Pleasant Side of Life.

"Every one of us has his and her own ailments," writes Edward W. Bok in The Ladies' Home Journal, decrying the unpleasant habit many people have of discussing their bodily ills. "It is enough for us all to keep well ourselves. To be compelled to listen to the ailments of others does not make that task any easier. Besides all this, these unnecessary narratives of personal ailments are positively injurious to ourselves. Physicians all agree that many of the slight illnesses, of which some people make so much, could be cured if they would but take their minds from themselves. Too many people work themselves into illnesses or prevent themselves from getting well by talking about a petty ailment which, if forgotten, would right itself.

"I will not say that women, more than men, are prone to this evil, but as the majority of women have more leisure time than the majority of men they are more likely to let their minds dwell upon every little ill that assails them and talk about it. It seems to me that one of the most important lessons we can all learn with the close of the year is to refrain from inflicting upon others what is purely personal to ourselves. Let us cease this tiresome, this inconsiderate, this unnecessary talk about our ailments. Cold and hard as it may seem, the fact is nevertheless true, and will ever remain so, that the vast majority of people are interested in what is pleasant in our lives, but not in what is unpleasant. Pains and sorrows are elements in our lives which are sacred and interesting only to ourselves."

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**A NATURAL WONDER.**

The Tramp Red Sandstone Boulder of the New Jersey Mountains.

Countless thousands of years ago vast stretches of glacial deposits came sliding across the state of New Jersey, mounted the Palisades, pushed their way across the Hudson river, scoured over Manhattan Island and slid into the Atlantic ocean, whether they disintegrated and sank into the deep or perhaps glided on to the other shore.

But in their onward march these glaciers left indestructible evidences of their grinding stride, and today all along the palisades the trap rocks and boulders are worn smooth where the mountains of ice and sand passed over them. In some rocks are deep scratches, all pointing outward and showing which way the glacial deposits drifted. There is the evidence, mute, but indisputable.

To the careful observer there are numberless other evidences of the presence of glacial influences in the past, but none is more convincing than the tramp boulder that has finally settled down in the woods in the heart of Englewood borough. There it sits, a towering mass of rock weighing perhaps 200 tons and resting upon three points which in themselves find a purchase on a flat rock that is part of and common to the character of rock which composes the palisades. But, strangely enough and to the wonderment of geologists, the tramp boulder is red sandstone from the Jersey hills 25 miles inland, and the pedestal is metamorphic or soft granite.

Around this marvelous monument have grown trees that may perhaps be a century old, and they have completely hedged it in, while the rock itself has stood where it stands today for thousands of years. On the pedestal or that part of it which is protected from the action of the elements can be seen the deep ridges and scars made across its flat surface by the great grinding pressure of the body of ice and sand that passed over it countless years ago when New York was ice and snow clad and the world was a desolate waste in a state of chaos.

This tramp boulder has caused geologists much wonderment and is regarded today as one of the finest specimens ever left in the wake of a glacier. It is equally astounding as though an explorer should find the hull of a steamboat in the Sahara desert. The only way it could get there would be through some great convulsion that had landed it from the sea in the heart of the inland sands.—New York Journal.

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# FIRST HOMESTEADER

STILL LIVING ON HIS ORIGINAL CLAIM IN NEBRASKA.

Dr. Daniel Freeman the Leader of the Long Procession of Settlers That Have Populated the Prairies—How He Happened to Become the Pioneer.

The ranks of the long procession of homesteaders pushing their way beyond the borders of civilization have grown thin, but will continue to move on until the last available acre of government land has been handed over to its citizens.

The leader of this procession—the first man to enter a claim under the homestead law—still lives near Beatrice, in Gage county, Neb. His name is Daniel Freeman, and he is as active and hale an old man as can be readily found.

The free homestead law, though long agitated and several times passed by the house of representatives, was not finally enacted till the second year of the civil war. By its provisions any citizen or applicant for citizenship over 21 years of age may enter upon 160 acres of any unappropriated public lands graded at \$1.25 per acre or 80 acres of such lands valued at \$2.50 per acre by the government on payment of the nominal fee of \$5 to \$10. After five years' actual residence on the land and a patent therefor is issued to the settler by the general land office at Washington. This patent is a valid title from the United States. If the settler wishes to complete his title for the five years, with a view to sell or remove, he can do so only by payment to the United States of the valuation price of the land. No individual is permitted to acquire more than 160 acres under the homestead act, but there is no limit to the quantity which may be purchased by individuals. There is a proviso in the law—modeled upon the exemption laws of the states—that no lands acquired under the provisions of the homestead act shall be liable for any debts of the settler contracted before the issue of the patent for his homestead. Said Senator Benton: "The freeholder is the natural supporter of a free government. Tenantry is unfavorable to the freedom. The tenant has, in fact, no country, no

county by which the necessary improvements, but this was not enough to hold it under the new statute, so Dr. Freeman immediately started for the land office at Brownsville, 75 miles away, to locate his claim. He arrived there on the last day of 1862, registered at the tavern, where he observed preparations for a New Year's eve ball. He went to the ball, and in the course of the evening made the acquaintance of the clerk of the land office, who told him that on the following day the office would not be open, it being a legal holiday. Freeman begged, as a special favor, that his claim be registered at once. The clerk interested himself in Freeman's case, hunted up the registrar and at midnight the latter opened his office and issued Dr. Freeman's patent at 12:05 o'clock on the morning of Jan. 1, 1863.

Since that period states and territories have been created out of the millions upon millions of acres of land that have been taken up by homesteaders and the wave of civilization has swept far to the west of Gage county, and all this in half the lifetime of one man.

Much as has thus been disposed of there is considerable left west of the Mississippi river. According to the recent report of the general land office, Missouri has a residue of 497,764 acres, mostly in the swamp and mountain counties. Arkansas has 3,932,042 acres, while Kansas has 1,046,688 acres—generally worthless for agriculturists probably. Nebraska, the state where Dr. Freeman located his claim, has still a magnificent area of unoccupied lands, the estimate being 10,000,000 acres. Much of this is classified as arid land and is located in the western part of the state. But where irrigation is fully developed it may yet "blossom as the rose" under the hand of the thrifty and intelligent settler. There is no public land in Iowa, Illinois or Indiana that is available for settlers.

Going still farther beyond the frontier borders we find that Montana has 71,432,917 acres awaiting settlement; Nevada, 61,578,588 acres; New Mexico, 66,683,947, and Arizona, 54,490,211 acres. It is fair to assume that much—perhaps most—of this land is likewise almost worthless.

Then there is Alaska. It will be a long time before the homestead law makes much headway there, but he can take his pick from the 369,599,000 acres which the government owns, although it cannot be very valuable for agricultural purposes.

From the foregoing facts it will be seen that the public domain, exclusive of the existing forest reservations, is the enormous extent of 619,391,746 acres. This is an area 15 times as large as the entire New England states. So the old song is still in force:

Come along, come along, make no delay;  
Come from every station, come from every way!  
The land there is plenty; take no alarm—  
Uncle Sam is rich enough to give us all a farm.

Nor has the government withheld its hand in donating land for railroads, wagon roads and to different states at one time and another. To soldiers and sailors it has likewise been generous. And it is quite easy to become a homesteader. It is not even necessary to take out the full or final naturalization papers, for upon declaration of intention to become a citizen the government will allow a homestead claim to be entered.

**An Epitaph.**  
The danger of using porcelain letters on a tombstone is illustrated in a village cemetery not far from St. Louis. The inscription reads:

O Lord,  
She is thin!  
The final "o" had been knocked off in a thunderstorm.—St. Louis Star.

DR. DANIEL FREEMAN.  
Heath, no domestic altar, no household god. It should be the policy of republics to multiply their freeholders."

How Dr. Freeman came to be the first beneficiary of the homestead law happened in this way: He had acquired a "squatter's right" to a tract of land in Gage

county by riding at the battle of Hastings, about which almost everything seems to be known except his name. He was of huge size and was a present from King Alfonso of Spain—"such a gift as a prince might give and a prince receive."

This gallant horse, however, did not survive the battle, for Gyrth, Harold's butcher, "clove him with a bill, and he died." Richard I's horse was called Malek, and was jet black. He bore his master through the holy war and arrived in England before him. In fact, he survived the king several years. The second Richard, too, had a favorite horse, called Roan Barbary, which was supposed to be the finest horse in Europe at that time, and it was on Roan Barbary that the young king was mounted when the incident wherein Wat Tyler was stabbed by the mayor of Walsworth took place.

About a century later we get the Wars of the Roses, and in the many battles of that civil disturbance a couple of horses played important parts. These belonged to the great Earl of Warwick, the kingmaker. His first was Malek, a beautiful gray, which he rode at the battle of Towton. It was this horse whose death turned the fortunes of the battle, for Warwick, seeing that his men were giving ground, deliberately sprang from his favorite horse and killed him. Then his men knew that the kingmaker was prepared to conquer, but not to fly. They rallied and finally won the battle.

There were two horses belonging to highwaymen which were famous in their time. One of them belonged to the celebrated knight of the road, Paul Clifford. He was called Robin and was Irish. In color iron gray, he was reputed by judges of horsemanship—and there were some who were quite as competent to give an opinion, if not more so, as any of the present day—to be absolutely without blemish and to be second to none. Another famous horse, or rather mare, was Black Bess. Her owner, Dick Turpin, or, to give him his correct name, Nick, committed a robbery in London at 4 o'clock in the morning, and, fearing discovery, made for Gravesend, ferried across the river and appeared at the bowling green in York the same evening, having accomplished his ride of 300 miles in 16 hours on one horse. At least so says the legend, and this is certain—that on his trial he was acquitted, the jury considering it impossible that he could have got to York in the time.—London Standard.

**He Listened to All.**  
Fontenelle listened to everything and he offended no one by disputing anything. At the close of his life he was asked the secret of his success, and he replied that it was by observing two maxims, "Everybody may be right" and "Everything may be so."

**English in Japan.**  
Here are some attempts at English to be seen on the signboards in the streets of Tokyo:

"Wine, beer and other medicines."  
"A shop, the kind of umbrella, parasol or stick."  
"The shop for the furniture of the several countries."  
"Prices, no increase or diminish."  
"All kinds of superior sundries kept here."

**NOTES AND NOTIONS.**  
**Pretty Novelties of Various Kinds For the Wardrobe and Household.**  
Little bonnets all of flowers are again seen for evening wear. Usually there are a bit of lace and a jeweled ornament somewhere about it, but the body of the bonnet is composed of flowers and foliage. These little trifles are dainty and becoming.

**COIFFAGE DECORATIONS.**  
ing, but only suit young and blooming or delicate faces. Something more elaborate and reserved is required by mature wearers.

The hair is worn less bouffant at the sides than was the case last season, and the coil at the back is placed higher, but the hair is waved throughout its length and kept fluffy.

Now that jardinieres of pottery and china are made in such a variety of shapes and colors, the old methods of covering flowerpots containing plants for decoration have quite gone out. In case of emergency the pots may be draped with pieces of damask, but usually they are concealed in bowls of faience.

Very pretty cushion covers may be made of flowered cotton in which the pattern has been embroidered with colored silks.

For broche and fancy materials with large designs and for heavy velvet perfectly plain skirts are still most highly favored of any in spite of the efforts at the introduction and establishment of skirt trimming that are continually being made.

The prince's gown, preferred by brides, is a feature of this winter's fashions, and many elegant gowns are made in this style, which gives grace and slenderness to the form of the wearer. Thick cloth and velvet are materials specially adapted to it, as they fall in fine folds and are rich enough to require little adornment.

A picture is given today of two decorations for the bodice. The first consists of a pair of revers of chinohilla, bordered by a ruffle of fur, under which is placed a frill of ivory lace. The revers are joined by a double plait of nile green velvet ornamented with small paste buttons. The collar is bordered by a fur ruffle and a frill of lace, and there is a cravat of nile green velvet and lace. The second decoration is a cravat of blue velvet bordered with chinohilla and enriched with a coquille of ivory lace. The collar is bordered with fur, and has two plaits, fur edged tabs at the back.

**PIKE'S PEAK OR BUST.**  
The Founder of Denver Is Now a Texas Cattleman.  
On a cattle ranch in the town of Menardville, in western Texas, dwells J. O. Russell, the man who first discovered gold in Colorado and who was the innocent cause of the great Pike's peak gold fever of 1858 and 1859. Mr. Russell built the first log cabin on the river Platte on the site of the present city of Denver, never dreaming that a great city would soon grow up where the buffalo then grazed undisturbed. But he remained in Colorado long

enough to see Denver incorporated. The log cabin was preserved by the Mason lodge for many years as one of the landmarks of the city. A lodge of Masons met in this cabin in 1859.

Many people yet living remember wild excitement that swept over the country during the winter of 1858-9 concerning the discovery of gold at Pike's peak. The frenzy exceeded that which possessed the people in 1849 when California attracted the gold seekers of the world, and "Pike's peak or bust" soon became a popular cry throughout the west.

Mr. Russell, the cause of all this excitement, was born in the goldfields of Georgia and went to California in 1849. In crossing the plains he found gold on Sweetwater, north of the Platte. In 1853 he returned there, with his brothers, to prospect. They had poor success, but found small quantities of gold in the sands of the Platte. While mining on Cherry creek, where Denver now stands, a small party of people passed along en route from Salt

Lake to the states. The Russells showed them their gold dust in a matter of fact way.

"We never boasted of our luck," says Mr. Russell, "but, on the contrary, represented that gold was very scarce. These people knew nothing about gold mining, and they at once jumped to the conclusion that we had struck a second California. As soon as they reached St. Joseph, on the Missouri river, they started the most extraordinary stories about the discoveries that we had made in what they called the Pike's peak country. They had seen gold dust and that was enough for a start. Very soon the news spread over the country that the Russells had found deposits of gold dust near Pike's peak so rich that a miner could shovel up a fortune in a few hours. We were living hard, suffering from cold and other privations and perfectly innocent of the great hoax that was spreading over the country."

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The Four Footed Friend For Whom a City Was Named—Roman Horses That Lived Like Princes—Chargers Who Won Renown Amid the Carnage of War.

It is hard to say with any near approach to accuracy how long the horse has been a domesticated animal. We can only say that he has been so from time immemorial—that is, from the earliest times of which we have any records. The Assyrian sculptures—and they are about the most ancient of which we know anything, for some of them are estimated to date from 4800 B. C.—contain more representations of caparisoned horses than even men. Still, we do not get any examples of favorite horses until a long time after this.

Even the first examples, indeed, are only legendary, for, though there is no doubt that Hector of Troy existed, it is not improbable that Homer invented the names of his three favorite horses, Podarge, the cream colored Galathea and the fiery Ethon. But the horse of Alexander the Great, Bucephalus, is an individual as historically real as his master. This famous horse was, says Plutarch, offered to Philip for 13 talents (about \$2,518), but he displayed so much viciousness that Alexander's father was about to send him away when the young prince offered to tame him. He agreed, in the event of failure, to forfeit the price of the horse and began by turning his head to the sun, as he observed that the horse was frightened at his own shadow. In the end he completely tamed him—so completely, indeed, that Bucephalus, though he would permit nobody except Alexander to mount him, always knelt down for that purpose to his master. He died at the age of 80, and his master built as his mausoleum the city of Bucephala.

Readers of Macaulay will remember the famous black Anster, the horse of Mornimius, and the dark gray charger of Mamilius, whose sudden appearance in the city of Tusculum without his master brought the news of the defeat of the allies at Lake Regillus. Connected with that battle, too, were the horses of the great "twin brethren," Castor and Pollux, coal black, with white legs and tails. But those are legendary. Not so, however, the well known horse of Caligula, Incitatus. This animal had a stable of marble; his stall was of ivory, his clothing of purple and his halters stiff with gems. He had a set of golden plates and was presented with a palace, furniture and slaves complete, in order that guests invited in his name should be properly entertained. His diet was the most costly that could be imagined, the finest grapes that Asia could provide being reserved for him. Verus, another Roman emperor about a century later, treated his horse almost as extravagantly. He fed him with raisins and almonds with his own hands, and when he died erected a statue of gold to him, while all the dignitaries of the empire attended the funeral.

As we come to later times, so we get more examples of favorite horses. William the Conqueror had one which he

rode at the battle of Hastings, about which almost everything seems to be known except his name. He was of huge size and was a present from King Alfonso of Spain—"such a gift as a prince might give and a prince receive."

This gallant horse, however, did not survive the battle, for Gyrth, Harold's butcher, "clove him with a bill, and he died." Richard I's horse was called Malek, and was jet black. He bore his master through the holy war and arrived in England before him. In fact, he survived the king several years. The second Richard, too, had a favorite horse, called Roan Barbary, which was supposed to be the finest horse in Europe at that time, and it was on Roan Barbary that the young king was mounted when the incident wherein Wat Tyler was stabbed by the mayor of Walsworth took place.

About a century later we get the Wars of the Roses, and in the many battles of that civil disturbance a couple of horses played important parts. These belonged to the great Earl of Warwick, the kingmaker. His first was Malek, a beautiful gray, which he rode at the battle of Towton. It was this horse whose death turned the fortunes of the battle, for Warwick, seeing that his men were giving ground, deliberately sprang from his favorite horse and killed him. Then his men knew that the kingmaker was prepared to conquer, but not to fly. They rallied and finally won the battle.

There were two horses belonging to highwaymen which were famous in their time. One of them belonged to the celebrated knight of the road, Paul Clifford. He was called Robin and was Irish. In color iron gray, he was reputed by judges of horsemanship—and there were some who were quite as competent to give an opinion, if not more so, as any of the present day—to be absolutely without blemish and to be second to none. Another famous horse, or rather mare, was Black Bess. Her owner, Dick Turpin, or, to give him his correct name, Nick, committed a robbery in London at 4 o'clock in the morning, and, fearing discovery, made for Gravesend, ferried across the river and appeared at the bowling green in York the same evening, having accomplished his ride of 300 miles in 16 hours on one horse. At least so says the legend, and this is certain—that on his trial he was acquitted, the jury considering it impossible that he could have got to York in the time.—London Standard.

**He Listened to All.**  
Fontenelle listened to everything and he offended no one by disputing anything. At the close of his life he was asked the secret of his success, and he replied that it was by observing two maxims, "Everybody may be right" and "Everything may be so."

**English in Japan.**  
Here are some attempts at English to be seen on the signboards in the streets of Tokyo:

"Wine, beer and other medicines."  
"A shop, the kind of umbrella, parasol or stick."  
"The shop for the furniture of the several countries."  
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**NOTES AND NOTIONS.**  
**Pretty Novelties of Various Kinds For the Wardrobe and Household.**  
Little bonnets all of flowers are again seen for evening wear. Usually there are a bit of lace and a jeweled ornament somewhere about it, but the body of the bonnet is composed of flowers and foliage. These little trifles are dainty and becoming.

**COIFFAGE DECORATIONS.**  
ing, but only suit young and blooming or delicate faces. Something more elaborate and reserved is required by mature wearers.

The hair is worn less bouffant at the sides than was the case last season, and the coil at the back is placed higher, but the hair is waved throughout its length and kept fluffy.

Now that jardinieres of pottery and china are made in such a variety of shapes and colors, the old methods of covering flowerpots containing plants for decoration have quite gone out. In case of emergency the pots may be draped with pieces of damask, but usually they are concealed in bowls of faience.

Very pretty cushion covers may be made of flowered cotton in which the pattern has been embroidered with colored silks.

For broche and fancy materials with large designs and for heavy velvet perfectly plain skirts are still most highly favored of any in spite of the efforts at the introduction and establishment of skirt trimming that are continually being made.

The prince's gown, preferred by brides, is a feature of this winter's fashions, and many elegant gowns are made in this style, which gives grace and slenderness to the form of the wearer. Thick cloth and velvet are materials specially adapted to it, as they fall in fine folds and are rich enough to require little adornment.

A picture is given today of two decorations for the bodice. The first consists of a pair of revers of chinohilla, bordered by a ruffle of fur, under which is placed a frill of ivory lace. The revers are joined by a double plait of nile green velvet ornamented with small paste buttons. The collar is bordered by a fur ruffle and a frill of lace, and there is a cravat of nile green velvet and lace. The second decoration is a cravat of blue velvet bordered with chinohilla and enriched with a coquille of ivory lace. The collar is bordered with fur, and has two plaits, fur edged tabs at the back.

**PIKE'S PEAK OR BUST.**  
The Founder of Denver Is Now a Texas Cattleman.  
On a cattle ranch in the town of Menardville, in western Texas, dwells J. O. Russell, the man who first discovered gold in Colorado and who was the innocent cause of the great Pike's peak gold fever of 1858 and 1859. Mr. Russell built the first log cabin on the river Platte on the site of the present city of Denver, never dreaming that a great city would soon grow up where the buffalo then grazed undisturbed. But he remained in Colorado long

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Many people yet living remember wild excitement that swept over the country during the winter of 1858-9 concerning the discovery of gold at Pike's peak. The frenzy exceeded that which possessed the people in 1849 when California attracted the gold seekers of the world, and "Pike's peak or bust" soon became a popular cry throughout the west.

Mr. Russell, the cause of all this excitement, was born in the goldfields of Georgia and went to California in 1849. In crossing the plains he found gold on Sweetwater, north of the Platte. In 1853 he returned there, with his brothers, to prospect. They had poor success, but found small quantities of gold in the sands of the Platte. While mining on Cherry creek, where Denver now stands, a small party of people passed along en route from Salt

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No. 3094.  
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE WILLIAMSTOWN NATIONAL BANK, AT WILLIAMSTOWN, IN THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 15, 1907.

ASSETS.  
Loans and discounts, \$133,910.88  
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, 247.11  
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 10,000.00  
Banking House, Furniture, Fixtures, 5,000.00  
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents), 842.34  
Due from approved reserve agents, 26,426.80  
Checks and other cash items, 75.78  
Notes of other National Banks, 490.00  
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents, 139.19  
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, viz:  
Specie, 2,994.35  
Legal tender notes, 3,140.06  
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation), 588.00  
Total, \$187,433.61

LIABILITIES.  
Capital stock paid in, \$50,000.00  
Surplus fund, 7,500.00  
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, 1,535.25  
National Bank notes outstanding, 11,704.00  
Due to other National Banks, 12.10  
Due to State Banks and Bankers, 2,512.16  
Dividends unpaid, 36.00  
Individual deposits subject to check, 97,071.18  
Demand certificates of deposit, 2,768.26  
Bills payable, 10,000.00  
Total, \$157,433.61

State of Massachusetts, County of Berkshire, ss.  
I, Willard R. Clark, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
WILLARD R. CLARK, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of December, 1907.  
CLARENCE M. SMITH, Notary Public.  
CORRECT—Attest:  
A. L. PERRY, } Directors.  
FRED E. MOORE, }  
CLAS S. COLE, }

No. 1216.  
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE ADAMS NATIONAL BANK, AT NORTH ADAMS, IN THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 15, 1907.

ASSETS.  
Loans and discounts, \$91,190.19  
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, 21.38  
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 500.00  
Banking House, Furniture, Fixtures, 6,500.00  
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents), 43,130.95  
Due from approved reserve agents, 29,430.00  
Checks and other cash items, 33,692.00  
Notes of other National Banks, 4,100.47  
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents, 988.23  
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, viz:  
Specie, 29,430.00  
Legal tender notes, 33,692.00  
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation), 22,500.00  
Total, \$176,229.38

LIABILITIES.  
Capital stock paid in, \$50,000.00  
Surplus fund, 10,000.00  
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, 61,320.40  
National Bank notes outstanding, 431,000.00  
Due to other National Banks, 204,644.60  
Due to State Banks and Bankers, 16,066.52  
Dividends unpaid, 13.00  
Individual deposits subject to check, 480,000.00  
Demand certificates of deposit, 1,234.22  
Total, \$1,776,229.38

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE, ss.  
I, E. S. Wilkinson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
E. S. WILKINSON, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22d day of December 1907.  
BARRY A. GALLUP, Notary Public.  
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S. W. BRAYTON, } Directors.  
V. A. WHITAKER, }  
W. A. GALLUP, }

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A new 7 room downstairs tenement on Hall st. Modern improvements. Inquire H. A. Sherman, 101 Main st. 1175-34.  
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A cottage, 7 rooms, 30 East Quincy st. Mrs. Emma Billings. 125 ft.  
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Furnished rooms for gentlemen, with privilege of bath. Mrs. Mulqueen, 18 Center st. Second block, second floor. 1110-4.

### WANTED.

I have a good selection of help at the North Adams Employment Bureau, room 7, Kimball block, Main street. 1 first-class cook, 1 hotel chambermaid, 2 girls for care of children, 1 general housework girl, second girls 1 colored man, 17 years at one place. 1 clerk for provisions or groceries, used to delivery wagon.

2 or 3 unfurnished rooms. Address H. A. Harve, City.  
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### FOR SALE.

First sister puppies, "bred in the purple" from genuine hunting stock. Prices reasonable, satisfaction guaranteed. C. W. Sumner, Pownall, Va.  
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## NOTICE.

Having other business to attend to January 1st, we will close out all Millinery Goods at less than cost. A few bargains in trimmed hats for misses and children, very pretty, \$1.50 and \$1.75 each.  
M. F. & J. L. BEST,  
2 New Blackinton Block.

# THE CITY ELECTION.



## OUR NEXT MAYOR.

The result of the city election held Tuesday has vindicated the administration and has proven that the good sense of the majority of the people can be trusted. H. Torrey Cady was elected for mayor over Harry R. Hamer by a majority of 120. The election passed off very quietly and no uninformed observer would have thought that the greatest political battle in the history of the city was being fought. He would have noticed that there was considerable hustling at the polls, but that could have been excused on the grounds that this is a city of hustlers anyway.

From the early morning the voters of the city were astir and those who were not as active as they might have been found enough people to arouse them to their duty. There was not a livery rag of any consequence that was not pressed into service and there were some private teams doing the duty of gathering the voters to the polls. Both sides of the contest had teams and had men to direct their movements. There has never been an election at which more work at gathering in the voters was done.

The voting began early and continued with unparalleled regularity resulting in the heaviest vote ever cast in the city. At noon there was a general rush, and voting kept up till the hour for the polls to close. The Hamer men were confident of success to the very end, but the Cady men knew that things were going their way and were a little over sanguine of results early in the afternoon.

Late in the afternoon there was a number of deals put up, which resulted in the cutting of the Cady vote. A sly one of these was tried in Ward 3 with good results.

The election had no particular features. It was simply an earnest one. The total vote cast, 3,242, shows the mighty interest that was taken in the fight. The vote at the last city election was only 2,325.

### License Vote.

The license vote was something of a surprise and is only accounted for on the grounds that the great interest taken in other matters the prohibition interest was allowed to go to the wall. The majority for license last year was only 295 and the majority this year shows a gain of 158.

### Mr. Cady in Demand.

The result of the count was very satisfactory to most people, and particularly to the friends of the administration and Mr. Cady. He was in big demand and was compelled to make a speech from a window of the Adams club rooms. The Richmond light infantry got out with the gun and paraded the streets. It made an attack on the home of Mr. Cady on Church street and stopped in front of the residence of Mayor Houghton, giving a grand salute there. All the noise that the gun and the willing throats of the enthusiastic crowd that followed the artillery and the drum corps could not bring any response from the Cady residence for Mr. Cady was not at home. The artillery found out that he was at the club rooms and marched on to that place. Mr. Cady had to show himself, and stepping out of the window while the crowd cheered loudly he spoke as follows:  
"Gentlemen, I thank you for this honor you are paying me. I think I appreciate what North Adams has given me today, and I shall endeavor to administer the office of mayor pleasing to my opponents as well as to my friends. I bid you good night."

### Presidential Proportions.

The red fire was then allowed to burn out and after a few parting shots had been fired the crowd dispersed to their homes. The enthusiasm was almost equal to the vent that is given the feelings on the night of a presidential election when the vote is the way that Massachusetts wants it to be.  
The Hamer men who cannot deny that they were inclined that way take the defeat quite gracefully. Some of them are saying that there is another day, but they say it with a wonderfully modulated tone. The returns from the wards was awaited at the city hall with a good deal of inter-

est by a large number of people. The vote for the councilmen was then carefully scanned and the fortunes of friends were discussed. The first return came in from Ward 2 and arrived at the city hall about 4.55 o'clock. The latest was from Ward 3 and did not get into the hands of the city clerk until long after 6 o'clock.

### Examining the Council.

An examination of the councilmen elected and those who retain their seats shows that there are few to represent the Hamer sentiment in that body. Mr. Amidon, pronounced in his support of Mr. Hamer, was elected to the council by a very large vote. The other council candidate from Ward 1, Mr. Gove, was chosen and these two are all that the Hamer men were able to save from the general wreck. Mr. Willis remains in the council and will to some degree stand for what his fallen chieftain did during his council days.

The council is now complete. It is an error to say that there is a vacancy to fill because of the death of Councilman Stroud. Mr. Stroud was a retiring mem-

ber and his place was filled by Tuesday's election. There is a possible vacancy. Fred Hooker has left the city and may decide to remain away. If he does and resigns from the council there will then be a vacancy to fill. This can be filled, if the resignation reaches the council before the first six months of the year have passed, by the council itself. It was said to have been the plan to attempt to get Mr. Hamer returned to the council if defeated for the mayoralty by having the council choose him provided the election resulted in the choice of Hamer men. There is now no hope of Mr. Hamer getting into the council this way for the majority of the members are strongly opposed to "Hamerism."

### The Old Council.

The council for 1897 stood Edmund Bissell, J. H. Flagg, Thomas A. Mort, Edgar A. Stroud, Foster E. Swift, Frank L. Tilton, Edward E. Wilkinson, John Bracewell, Willard M. Brown, Herbert W. Clark, Alexander Craswell, John A. Rice, Thomas W. Syle, Valmore A. Whitaker, William Armstrong, Edwin Barnard.

## CITY VOTE.

CANDIDATES.	First Ward.	Second Ward.	Third Ward.	Fourth Ward.	Fifth Ward.	Sixth Ward.	Seventh Ward.	Total.
Mayor:								
*Cady,	126	199	273	207	323	395	262	1,685
Hamer,	207	249	241	227	167	197	217	1,505
Blanks,	9	7	11	2	3	5	15	52
Councilmen for three years:								
*Amidon,	207	202	210	149	206	189	152	1,315
Ford,	140	175	161	116	162	139	127	1,019
*Gallup,	80	137	203	161	170	169	196	1,136
Gatslick,	76	130	159	144	157	175	184	1,025
*Gove,	191	158	186	125	203	179	108	1,150
*Hastings,	143	138	206	127	229	175	118	1,136
McMahon,	69	148	148	172	97	160	215	1,009
*Mignault,	146	187	209	158	208	293	200	1,341
Morris,	48	143	130	108	104	111	148	793
Mort,	104	128	170	127	157	118	107	911
Rivers,	35	66	32	52	34	54	71	345
*Whitney,	85	154	208	212	167	161	185	1,172
*Wilkinson,	93	123	210	106	275	209	181	1,147
Blanks,	293	365	393	423	295	412	527	2,708
Councilman for one year:								
*Flagg,	119	227	235	198	87	290	234	1,690
Lee,	174	158	174	167	150	151	109	1,083
Blanks,	49	70	66	71	146	5	100	468
Assessor for three years:								
*Ford,	257	329	360	284	349	328	303	2,210
Blanks,	83	125	160	151	134	160	188	1,001
Assessor for one year:								
*Bowes,	140	210	222	230	178	235	257	1,472
Burch,	171	196	268	165	272	205	158	1,435
Blanks,	31	49	35	41	43	57	71	335
Library Trustee for three years:								
*Robinson,	249	354	409	303	401	371	325	2,412
Blanks,	93	101	116	133	92	125	169	829
School Com. for three years:								
*Chippendale,	254	325	381	286	391	356	303	2,296
*Pritchard,	236	295	374	260	395	344	287	2,189
Blanks,	193	250	295	330	200	297	398	2,003
School Com. for two years:								
*Archer,	256	331	391	288	399	349	301	2,303
Blanks,	86	133	133	150	194	150	193	930
License:								
Yes,	162	261	258	249	216	276	303	1,735
No,	159	166	233	56	247	180	141	1,282
Blanks,	21	28	34	31	30	41	40	225
Total,	842	435	525	436	493	497	499	3,242

\* Elected.

nard, Charles H. Cutting, Harry R. Hamer, Fred F. Hooker, George B. Perry, Albert A. Wills. The first seven mentioned retire this year and the councilmen elected Tuesday for three years will fill the vacancy caused by their retirement.

### The New Council.

The resignation of Harry R. Hamer, who was elected for three years and whose term expired in 1900, caused a vacancy for a term of two years. This vacancy was filled Tuesday by the election of James H. Flagg. The council will be after January 1, when the new members take their seats, as follows:  
John Bracewell, Term expiring 1899  
Willard M. Brown, " " 1899  
Herbert W. Clark, " " 1899  
Alexander Craswell, " " 1899  
John A. Rice, " " 1899  
Thomas W. Syle, " " 1899  
Valmore A. Whitaker, " " 1899  
William Armstrong, " " 1899  
Edwin Barnard, " " 1899  
Charles H. Cutting, " " 1899  
James H. Flagg, " " 1900  
Fred F. Hooker, " " 1900  
George B. Perry, " " 1900  
Albert A. Wills, " " 1900  
Lewis F. Amidon, " " 1901  
W. H. Gallup, " " 1901  
W. H. Gove, " " 1901  
George A. Hastings, " " 1901  
Arthur Mignault, " " 1901  
Charles E. Whitney, " " 1901  
E. S. Wilkinson, " " 1901  
Re-elected.

### Congratulations.

Mayor Elect Cady has been showered with congratulations. Among a pile of telegrams from well known people out of the city are ones having these names: O. G. Smith, Chicago; Edward Davis, Phila-

delphia; Zenas Sears and James Clark, Boston; Hon. C. A. Stevens, Ware; Mayor Kimball, Northampton; E. N. Eekel, Springfield and L. H. Warner, Bridgeport. A letter of congratulation was received from Ira H. Hoxie.

### Officers and Committees Appointed.

The Baptist Young People's union have elected the following officers and committees for the ensuing year: President, Ray, J. H. Spencer; vice-president, Miss Lizzie Kilborn; financial secretary, Miss Barbara Mabbett; corresponding secretary, Miss Lizzie Spencer; treasurer, Miss Maud Blanchard; pianist, Miss Mary DeWolfe; membership committee, Misses Cora Alderman, Minnie Robinson, Jennie Graham and W. L. Spencer and Herbert Clark; devotional, Mrs. B. S. Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Darby, Mrs. Ida Chapin and Mrs. M. J. Yaislie; educational, C. W. Dennett, J. H. Emigh, Misses Lura Carey, Mary Haswell and Emma Tingle; missionary, Harry Whitbeck, Russell Scribbin and Miss Ida Blanchard; visiting, Misses Angie Mixer, Nellie Darling, Marion Pike, Jessie Sykes, and Mrs. B. S. Kemp; social, Misses Florence Canedy, Blanche Milard, Jennie Thatcher, Nellie Darling and Anna Graham; reception, Mrs. W. W. Darby, Misses Ida Blanchard, Lizzie Spencer, and Russell Scribbin, Kirk Pierce, Harry Rice, J. M. Canedy, Mrs. George H. Kearn, Mrs. W. H. Clark and W. E. Blanchard; music, Misses Mary DeWolf, Florence Canedy, Maud Blanchard, and Leonard Wignot and Arthur Terry; flowers, Miss Blanche Milard, Mrs. C. W. Wright and Miss Ruby Rice.

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